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Church Missionary House,
London, Sept 3. 1839.

Dear Mr Redford,

It is a comfort to think that now, through the good Providence of God, you are settled down in your Missionary sphere; your domestic position fixed; & your various outward circumstances as advantageously arranged, as is possible at the commencement of a Missionary Station. In proportion to all these advantages is our desire that you should go on in your labours, humbly, kindly & efficiently. The situation of yourself & your fellow labourers in the midst of a Roman Catholic population, is a special call to walk in wisdom, unity & godly love. "The Canaanite was then in the land." There are those about you who wait for your halting:— what need then, to walk circumspectly! What need of the pardon of Christ, of the Spirit of Christ & consequently, what need of walking close to Him in believing prayer & holy imitation. "Take my yoke upon you, & learn of me; for I am meek & lowly in heart; & ye shall find rest unto your souls." While I write the words (& it is not the first time I have written them to a Missionary) — a fresh glow of admiration comes over my mind, in contemplating the character of our Lord; and especially those features of it, which He himself has selected for our imitation — probably, the last we should have chosen; but those which constitute the highest beauty of his conduct & sp & consequently the perfection of our model!

Let me beg of you to continue your Journals, that we may accurately see what good is doing under your & Mrs Redford's hands. — I long to hear how the little Negro girls are prospering in her School. Give my kind regards to her & believe me, Very sincerely Yours

Wm Jowett.

(c.)

Church Missionary House,
London. Sept 3. 1839.

Dear Mr Gilbert,

We have duly received your Journals, which give us a fair view of your entrance on your labours: & we beg of you carefully to continue them. The practice you will find to be most useful to yourself, & it is essential to us. After your very distressing voyage, to be set down quietly to work in your appointed field is indeed a great privilege — quietly, I mean, so far as your own feelings & Mrs Gilbert's are concerned. You have, however, already discovered that there can be no peace in an enemy's country: the god of this world exercises so much power at Trinidad, that no servant of the living God can possibly enjoy comfort in the sight of what is going on around him — Sabbath-breaking, superstition & every kind of sin. You already find the difficulty of making a stand. I was glad to see (from your account of one case) that you do not aim at forcing men to give up their superstitions, this would not answer. But persuasion towards men, & prayer before God, will prevail. The Bible is in your hand: & the little Children & others are around you: aim then at commending yourself to every man's conscience in the sight of God. Put great faith in the promises of the word of God: especially in the Saviour's gracious assurance "Lo, I am with you, always, even unto the end of the world."

And seek, together with your partner, & your fellow-labourers, increase of grace. The Collect of last Sunday reminds us what it is that we daily need - "the increase of faith, hope & charity."

Believe me, Very sincerely Yrs Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House, London,
Sept 3. 1839.

Dear Brother Eckel,

Very sorry I am to learn by our latest letters that you are suffering from fever; although they speak of you as somewhat better. May it please God to send us the news of your complete restoration. I was pleased to hear from Mr Hawkins that you are careful of his health. This is what a Senior should be, in regard to one entering upon his sphere of labour. Yet after all, I know too well that Climate alone suffices to shake this frail tabernacle: & the season is but just passed, perhaps not entirely so, du which a hot Sun & hot air & (want of [illegible]) vapours, try the constitution. I know (besides medicine, air, exercise & diet) but one thing that helps to keep the poor animal frame in any degree of tune — and that is, quietness: the inward peace which flows from faith in God. Here a Christian & a Missionary has advantages over a man of the world — who must needs be disquieted when he sees, or only fears, that health & life & all are going from him. But the Missionary has "a good hope through grace." The work, in which he is engaged, is Christ's: his strength is from Christ: his life belongs to Christ: his soul is safe in the hands of Christ. When we can realize these views, by faith, what do sickness, failures, hindrances, or trials of any kind avail to hurt him? They may touch the outward man, but not the inner man. For our life is hid with Christ in God. These things, dear brother, I trust you have felt in your hour of sickness: that hour I hope is past, & that you are now equal to undertaking labour. Look around you, & you see those who have no Gospel, no Minister, no Comforter in their sicknesses, & in all the trials of their pilgrimage. Yea, they are many of them ruled over by false teachers, who would pluck the Gospel out of their hands. Let us pray for them & labour to bring them to the Truth as

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it is in Jesus. May your strength increase in this work of love: & may the God of Truth & love crown you with his blessing from above!

Believe me, Affectionately Yours,

Wm. Jowett.

Church Missionary House, London,

Sept. 3. 1839.

Dear Brother Muhlhauser,

I rejoice to think that, as we do not hear of your being indisposed, the Lord is granting to you a degree of health, which our Br. Eckel has not enjoyed. Still, in writing to him in the language of sympathy, I could not but feel that every Missionary in a tropical climate should be specially remembered in our prayers, during the hot season. But now for other matters. — I feel much for you as placed in the midst of so large a Roman Catholic population: they too seem to be well stored with Ministers of their own persuasion. It does not, however, altogether disconcert me: for I consider that though there be many with them, yet the Lord is on our side. We are the true circumcision, which worship God in the Spirit, & rejoice in Christ Jesus, & have no confidence in the flesh. I heartily wish you St. Paul's joy — his rejoicing in Christ Jesus. There is more food, comfort & strength in that one verse than in a thousand Volumes of superstitious legends & rituals. One grain of wheat is better than many bush of chap. Then apply that argument to the whole word of God, which is in your hand, yea & in your mouth – the word which you preach to the people of Trinidad. Preach it, dear brother, with confidence in its authority, & in its power through the Spirit to work the change of a sinner's heart. Pray for the grace of the Spirit to accompany it: and, with prayer abounding in your heart, preach on. It will not be in vain in the Lord. That beautiful chapter, the 23rd of Jeremiah, was my never-failing comfort in Malta. The word of God is as a fire – & as a hammer. Rocks cannot stand before it: they melt, or are broken to pieces.

I would beg also to remind you – (though not, as imagining that you in particular need to be reminded) – that this fire must be kindled, & these heavy blows against sin & superstition must be dealt out, in the spirit of love. Oh, it is when our own hearts have been a little broken or melted, that we are fittest to preach Jesus. And he will bless you truly & abundantly, if you implore his grace to aid you in preaching the Gospel of Christ, yourself having the mind of Christ.

Let me be kindly remembered to your dear wife, & believe me,

Affectionately Yrs
Wm Jowett.

Mr J. Hawkins, Sept. 3/39 7

Church Missionary House, London,
Sept 3rd 1839.

Dear Mr Hawkins,

Thank you for your first communication, which sets before us in a clear light your present position, & your feelings in it. There is, however, one point in which I am desirous to set you right: you intimate that it had been thought scarcely requisite right for you to keep a Journal. We, on the contrary, at this side of the water, wish every one to keep & to send a Journal from the very commencement of his Missionary career. The habit of doing this, is indispensably useful to the individual himself: & it is essential to our forming a just opinion of the state, the progress & the wants of a Mission. It was very satisfactory to hear of Mr Tickel's care of your health. A Senior who has had the experience, may in this way be of the greatest service to a Junior — if that Junior has the humility & good sense to profit by the experience of Seniors — which is not always the case. You, however, I trust have that good sense. Young beginners are generally carried forward by natural ardour: — a gracious steadfastness & perseverance will hold out longer, & in the end produce more work. By this time you will have had the opportunity to see how much of these qualities you possess. — Where you find yourself defective, may you have grace to humble yourself before God, & to seek from Him fresh supplies of wisdom, power & love. On our private exercises, our reading of the Word, meditation, self examination & prayer, how greatly does our life depend! Our spiritual life must languish, & with it our usefulness, unless the lamp be constantly trimmed. — I am not at all surprised at what you say on the subject of marriage: the advantages of it must now appear to you more clear than heretofore. On this matter, however, let me now give you another word of counsel — namely, to do nothing rashly. Pray for grace to make a covenant with your eyes, & to keep your heart with all diligence: then patiently leave your case before the Lord, trusting that He will, in his own good time, do good to you. If you can receive this word of counsel, you will in years to come, discover the wisdom of it.

Believe me, truly, yrs!

Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House
Nov. 1. 1839.

W. B. Pollard Esq

Dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of our Letter to Mr Roberts of July 15/39, we have received his Letter, July 27/39, yours of Aug: 12/39 & Rev. J. H. Bernau's, June 28/39, with his Journal

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for Jan 10 to June 13/58.

2. Mr Roberts having stated that the Accounts of the Mission are made up to the end of July, we are looking for their early arrival.

3. In consequence of the serious defalcation in the Society's Income the Com^{ee} felt it incumbent on them to make prospective arrangements with a view to reduce the expenditure of the Society. In pursuance of this design the Com^{ee} deemed it advisable to make arrangements for the relinquishment of that branch of our operations which relates to the Negroes of British Guiana. The events which have recently transpired with regard to that branch of the Mission have, without the interference of the Com^{ee}, brought matters very nearly to the point contemplated. Mr Hall it appears left the Mission under circumstances of a very painful nature. Messrs Aveling & Roch have we understand joined the Rev. L. Strong. We learn from the Rev. C. Carter that he has found his position in St Matthews an uncomfortable one, & that the Bishop of Barbados is desirous to locate him in the Pomeroon. To this contemplated arrangement with the Bishop the Com^{ee} have consented his Lordship, it appearing, being willing to receive Mr Carter into connexion with himself & provide his salary. That branch of the Mission therefore which respected the Negroes is at an end. Should there be any property belonging to the Society connected with the late Mission in St Matthew's Parish the Corr. Com^{ee} will have the goodness to realise it & carry the proceeds to the credit of the Indian Mission.

4. That Mission it is the intention of the Society to continue, and, if the the means at their disposal admit, to extend. Mr. Edward Christian, whose appointment to the Bartica Grove Station as Assistant to the Revd. J. H. Bernau, was mentioned in our last Letter, will, we expect, sail for his destination in about a fortnight.

5. The favorable testimony borne to Mr. Bernau's labours has afforded the Comm.ee strong satisfaction.

6. Our former Letter will have apprised you of the doubts entertained by the Comm.ee of the expediency of the Rev. T. Youd's locating himself at Pirara. The event has clearly shewn the inexpediency of this proceeding. It is manifest that a Missionary Station should be formed only at a point where there is a reasonable prospect of its object being prosecuted uninterruptedly. No undertaking of this kind should moreover be entered upon, until it has been referred to the Corr. Comm.ee, fully considered by them, & their express sanction given.

7. We feel obliged by your having brought us acquainted with Mr. Schomburgh. His testimony to the value of Mr. Youd's labours was very satisfactory.

I remain, dear Sir,

Very truly yours

D. Coates

Sec. CMS

P.S. We omitted to state above that the Government Grant in aid of the erection of two Schoolhouses in

Demerara having never been appropriated & the Comm.ee having now relinquished the Mission to the superintending population of that Colony, Her Majesty's Government have been requested to allow the grant to Trinidad

Church Missionary House
Nov. 1. 1839.

Rev. Messrs. Eckel & Muhlhauser

Dear Brethren,

1. We last wrote under date of June 27th, and have now to acknowledge the following communications from you

Rev. J. G. Muhlhauser's Letters, July 8. Aug. 16/39, June 4/39
Rev. Ab. Eckel's Letters, May 5 & June 22, Aug. 18 & 22/39
Account Curr.t of Mission, July to Dec/38
Acct. Curr.t of Mr. Muhlhauser, Jan. to June/39
— D.o — of Mr. Eckel — d.o
Mr. T. Gilbert's Journal & Report, Apl./39
— d.o — Journal, Apl. to June/39
Reply of the Governor to Mr. Eckel's Memorial
Report of Schools of San Fernando Mission
Port of Spain Gazettes, May 21, 24, July 26/39.

2. We are much grieved with the course pursued by Mr. Redford in the Mission, especially as in our Letter to himself & Mr. King Oct 30/37, he was distinctly told that he was "to act under the the direction & superintendence of the Missionary in whose District he might be placed." Mr. R. therefore cannot plead ignorance of the views of the Comm.ee as to his duty in this respect. In the hope that Mr. R. may see his error & pursue the course which has been so clearly marked out to him, the Comm.ee

have abstained from entering on the subject at present. The welfare of the Mission, as well as the comfort of the Missionaries, depends under God on the cheerful subordination of the Catechist to the Missionary & the cordial cooperation of both classes in their arduous & self denying duties, so that the Com^ee we are persuaded would not ~~allow~~ allow any Individual to ~~pursue~~ persist in a course of conduct like that which has unhappily been manifested by Mr. Redford. It is especially necessary that the Dormitory system for which arrangements had been made should be fully carried out by Mr R. at his Station. The advantages of that system, if properly carried out, are too obvious to be dwelt upon. We were too not a little surprised, as well as pained, to learn that Mrs Redford had supposed that the Com^ee did not expect her to attend to Schools. So far from it they have always considered the female Schools at a Station as the especial charge of the Wife of the Missionary or Catechist. Mr Eckel will have the kindness to keep us fully informed of the line of conduct pursued both by Mr & Mrs Redford.

3. The Infant School Supplies sent out in December last were intended for Mrs Redford under the impression that the Station was unsupplied. Whatever duplicate there may be should as Mr Eckel proposes be placed at his disposal for other Stations.

4. The portions of Scripture sent out in last December were intended for sale in the Mission as you might find opportunity. We shall probably send you another supply for the same purpose.

5. The Communion Service requested shall be forwarded by

the next Shipment.

6. The Estimates already transmitted apply to the last half of the year 1839. Have the kindness to furnish us as speedily as you can consistently with accuracy with one for the entire of the year 1840.

7. We are still unable to give a reply to Mr. Muhlhauser relative to the Church at San Fernando. We hope to be able to do so in the course of a Packet or two.

8. The Comm.ee not having appropriated a Government Grant in aid of the erection of two School houses in Demerara & having now relinquished the Mission to the emancipated population have proposed the transfer of the Grant to Trinidad. As we do not anticipate any objection to this arrangement we recommend that you should consider where an additional School house in each District can be most advantageously erected. You will not, however, commit yourselves to undertake the erection of them till you hear again from us.

We remain,
dear Brethren,
Very truly yours
D. Coates
Church Missionary House
November 1. 1839

Rev. R. Panton

Dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of the 1st of Aug.t the following communications from Jamaica have reached us:

Your Letters July 6th 19th 30th Aug. 2d, 15th/39.
Minutes of Corr. Comm.ee July 3. 4. 5/39, & July 24 & 25/39.
Mr. J. Pollitt's Letter, June 17/39.

Mr Cooke's Letter, July/39
Rev. H L Dixon's Letter, Aug. 13/39
Estimate of Expenditure of the Mission, 1839.
Rev. H. J. Woodcock's Letter to you July 2/39 & his Report.
Reports from the several Stations: Mar./39.

2. Though I can write but very briefly at present I cannot allow the present Mail to depart without a few words.

3. Mr. Edward Reynolds safely reached this country. He has gone through the usual preparatory Examinations to the satisfaction of the Comt., and has been placed in the Institution on the same footing as other Candidates. The Comt. however strongly doubt the expediency of persons so far advanced in their preparation as Mr. Reynolds coming over to this country with a view to their being eventually presented by the Comt. to the Bishop of London as Candidates to Holy Orders. It seems to be unnecessarily taking them out of the regular course, which is that of being presented to the local Bishop for Ordination if deemed eligible. It is also doubtful, even in Mr. R's. case, whether the Bishop of London will receive him as a Candidate, however satisfactory his course may be at our Institution. At all events we believe that the Bishop of London will disapprove of this course as a general proceeding.

4. Adverting to the considerations which influenced the Comt. in adopting Resol. 7. July 9/39, we have no doubt that they will approve of the Cor. Comt. presenting to the Bp. of Jamaica as a Candidate for Holy Orders any Catechist whose admission thereto they may deem advisable.

5. In Minute 10 of the Cor. Comt. of July 24 & 25/39 we observe that 'House Linen' forms a part of the Outfit provided for Missionaries in the Island. We request the attention of the Cor.

Com. to the expediency of this proceeding. We believe that in other Missions a moderate sum of money is allowed to a Missionary on his arrival out for the purchase of real necessaries for his location at his Station. This allowance is not repeated on a change of Stations but the Missionary carries with him the articles with which he has been furnished and no further allowance is made to him under this head. Perhaps the most convenient course would be that the Corr. Com. should form a list of the articles necessary for the Missionary, and an estimate of the cost at which they may be procured, and either supply the articles themselves or allow a sum of money for the purchase of them, as they may consider on the whole most advisable.

6. We feel obliged by the estimate with which you have furnished us of the cost of the Jamaica Mission for a year. The amount is larger than we had anticipated, and we trust that the means resorted to by the Corr. Com. for raising local funds will provide for a great part of it. On one or two points we should be glad of explanation. The estimate is we perceive for a year, but it does not state its commencement or termination, which to some extent diminishes its value. The sum of £359.10.7 under the head of 'Sundries' requires explanation. Does it include the various supplies for the schools, printing &c. otherwise it would seem that those heads of expense are not provided for in your estimate. If they are included they are of a description which ought to have been particularised.

7. We see much cause for thankfulness in the progress of the Mission, and pray that the blessing of God may increasing-

by rest upon it.

We remain, dear Sir,
Very truly yours,
D Coates
Sec CMS

Private
I am truly thankful to you for your Private Letters and [illegible] you ask. they are both most suitable & highly useful to me [illegible] [illegible] has given to me [illegible] [illegible] at Edinburgh. I can only say I have [illegible] [illegible] &c.

Church Missionary House, London,
November 25. 1839.

Dear Brother Mühlhauser,

The appointment of an additional Clerical Secretary, the Rev. J. Venn, has occasioned a new distribution of that spiritual correspondence which I held with our Missionary Brethren: & in consequence it will be his lot to write to you. I am most cordially recommend you to maintain correspondence with him. I cannot, however, part, without one line more from myself. I have had great joy in keeping up by this kind of intercourse the brotherly feeling which I had for you when in England. The same I have felt also towards Mrs Mühlhauser, who went out indeed young, but has in a few years learned — (for she had a mind apt to learn) many weighty lessons in the Missionary cause. You have been a stay & comfort, one to the other. And this you needed. There is not only something inconvenient in the state of an unmarried Missionary among the Negroes, but there is likewise to my mind a great advantage in your character as a married man among the Roman Catholics. The dismal, undomestic character of their Priesthood in Malta, I well remember — O it is wretchedness itself! It is worse — it is anti-domestic, it subverts whole houses: & though for a time, & under peculiar pressure of circumstances, it may shew holy, yet it is in principle bad, & must always lead to evil. — Most earnestly do I hope that you & yours, walking in all the commandments of the Lord, blameless, may by your living example, as well as your doctrine, shew the poor, ignorant people what true Christianity is: and though you be fewer in number, yet, as your cause is the right one, I trust that God will prosper it. It is nothing with him to save by many or by few. Only keep close to Him, in love, & truth, & peace.

I remain,
Affectionately Yours,
Wm. Jowett.

Church Missionary House, London,
November 25. 1839.

Dear Brother Gobat,

The appointment of an additional Clerical Secretary has occasioned a new arrangement of that spiritual correspondence which I hold with our Missionary Brethren: & in consequence, you &

your fellow-labourers in the West Indies will be written to, by the Rev. Mr Vaes. I rejoice that I can most cordially recommend you to cultivate his correspondence. I cannot however part, without a few lines. I have you know, watched your course from the beginning: I have sympathised with you & prayed for you: & may I not now drop a hint or two? As what I shall say, will be said in love, I will speak freely. Your course, dear brother, though in certain respects widely differing from what mine was in the Mediterranean, yet in this one point rather resembles it, that it necessarily partakes, very much of the locomotive character: Now this, as I can testify from experience, may sometimes have an injurious effect, both on the mind, & on the heart: - on the mind, because frequent variety of new scenes, indisposes it, & to a certain degree might disqualify it, for wisely following up old plans: - and on the heart, because the same circumstance of perpetual novelty & activity, has a tendency to dissipate the religious affections & draw them away from calm devotion. I know it may be said that the Patriarchs of old were often roving - dwelling in tents - &c. but let us look at such a character as Abraham the father of the faithful; & can we find one more steadfast, sober-minded & holy? Let us look particularly at that character given him in Genesis 18; 19. We may see at once what it was that gave him such a spirit of wise & holy government over others, as is there in few words pourtrayed. Now you, dear brother, have been again, through God's great mercy, built up in your domestic relations & you have a weighty Missionary office & character to sustain: I thought therefore you would take it kindly that I should throw out a few such hints as the above.

The Lord bless, preserve & sanctify you & yours! May He cause your labours to abound to the glory of His own great Name!

I remain,
Affectionately Yrs,
Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House, London,
November 26. 1839.

Dear Brother Eckel,

The appointment of an additional Clerical Secretary the Rev. H. Venn, has led to a new distribution of that spiritual correspondence, which I have hitherto held alone with our Missionary Brethren; & it will in consequence be his lot to correspond with you: most heartily can I recommend you to cultivate his Christian & brotherly intercourse. I must, however, at parting have a few friendly words with you. There has been that affectionate good-understanding between us, that it has ever been pleasant to me to write to you.

felt for your trials, & in heart at least shared them. There was in one of your later communications a statement (I cannot quote it exactly, but I quite understood & felt its force) in which, after enumerating various trials, you named last of all, misunderstandings among fellow-labourers. You might well put it last, as being the finish of the climax. Solomon does the same, where he enumerates six things, yea seven, by which the earth is disquieted, & which it cannot bear. But I will not dwell on the painful topic: I do most earnestly hope that your heart is relieved of this burden. After all indeed, some burden we we shall have to bear: but if it were simply a providential trial, we think we could endure it: but if it spring from the fault & sin of others, we are much inclined to be provoked in spirit. Let us, however, regard even trials of this kind as permitted by Providence. Let us ask only, for new supplies of patience, wisdom, & love. Then we shall be enabled to travel on a little further.

Such, dear brother, seems to be our right course: so at least I have found it. All our most arduous duties, all our most perplexing cares, & all the supplies of grace do not come to us in one day. But they are dealt out to us occasionally, & very much according to circumstances; only with this consideration which should ever be in our view — that grace being a gift, equally needful & free, we should be looking out in prayer for a super-abounding measure of it, daily. If we thus honour Christ by faith, He will ever shew Himself true to His own word, "My grace is sufficient for thee."

in affection & Esteem
I remain,
Wm Jowett.

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Church Missionary House, London,
November 25. 1839.

Dear Brother Bernau,

The appointment of an additional Clerical Secretary, the Revd. Venn, having led to a new division of that duty which I have hitherto borne alone, namely, correspondence of a spiritual kind with our Missionary Brethren, you & your Colleagues in the West Indies will fall to his lot: & I rejoice that I can most cordially recommend you to keep up correspondence with him. I cannot however part with old & valued friends, such as you all, without a short line: I wish to recal to my mind those refreshing hours which I have spent in your company, & the joy which I had also in making the acquaintance of Mrs Bernau. Many & much diversified events have taken place in your course since then: but in all of them you have been enabled to see the hand of a Father; & we on our parts have also with great comfort seen, how prudently steadily & perseveringly, you have held on, in a path

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which was not always a very easy one: or rather, let me say, in plain English, a truly difficult one. There is something so consolatory to my mind in reflecting what Jesus is to his people, & what he works in them, that I cannot refrain from dwelling on for a moment. As He is Love itself, so does He communicate to those who humbly wait upon Him, a kind & affectionate spirit like His own: and as He is the Wisdom of God, so does He impart to those who ask in faith, wisdom in all their duties, & all their perplexities. What a supply is there, how needful, how helpful, how refreshing! I have but singled out two of His glorious attributes: but He has others, ~~of~~ according to which also He freely gives to us, so that we may receive grace for grace. Let this thought comfort you: think how Christ would himself have walked, acted, conversed, had He himself been placed in your sphere: then consider, that as He would have lived, so can he give you grace to live. You are, though most inferior & utterly unworthy of such an honour, his representative: ask of Him grace to make you such indeed; & ask in faith, nothing wavering.

— Remember me most kindly to your dear wife. We are sending you a helper in Mr Christian: I trust you will find him to be of a teachable mind, which is one of the most important qualifications in a person who is himself to be a teacher, & even a teacher of teachers.

Ever Yours, Affectionately,

Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House

Nov. 27 1839.

W B Pollard Esq

Dear Sir,

1. We wrote to you by Packet on the 1st inst., a duplicate of which Letter is enclosed. We have since received your Letter of Sept. 12/39; the Accts. Curr. of the Mission: Jan. 1838 to July 1839; Mins. of Cor. Comee Mar. 14/38; Rev. J. H. Bernau's Letter Sept. 10/39, & the Bp of Barbados' Brit. Guiana Charge, delivered July 18/39.

2. This Letter is given in charge to Mr Edward Christian, of whose appointment to the Bartica Grove Station you have already been apprised. A Copy of the Instructions to Mr. Christian is enclosed, & also the Letter addressed to Mr Christian this day covering the transmission of his Instructions. These communications will fully apprise you of the views of the Comee in reference to Mr. C's agency in the Indian Mission. The primary is, to be assistant to Mr Bernau in the Educational part of the Mission; especially in conducting a Normal School under Mr B's direction, so soon as it may be practicable to form one. It is, however the further view of the Comee that Mr C should make himself useful in every other way in the Mission in which Mr B. may be of opinion that his services can be made

available to that end. The Besides the duties especially assigned to Mr. Christian the Comm^s. hope that he may be materially assistant to Mr. Bernau in many matters of detail in the Mission especially those of a more secular nature. The Comm^s. trust that the addition of Mr. Christian to the Bartica Grove Establishment will tend, by increasing the general efficiency of the Mission, to promote, under the Divine Blessing, its great object the evangelization and civilization of the Indians who may be induced to locate themselves there.

5 On some points contained in your late communication we have hitherto been unable to obtain the judgment of the Comm^s. On some others we can now state their views

6. Our last Letter will have informed you of the Comm^s. having entirely relinquished the Negro branch of the Brit. Guiana Mission. Under these circumstances the Comm^s much regret to learn that the erection of a Schoolhouse had been commenced on Greenfield Estate Mahaica, on which £200 had been expended. The Comm^s. have directed that a communication should be opened with the Bishop of Barbados, with the view of transferring this Building to his Lordship, as the Comm^s do not intend to resume their operations in this Branch of the Mission. The Comm^s. are very desirous that no more money should be expended on this building if it be possible to avoid it. Your Letter in the reply contains the only information which has reached us relative to the erection of this Schoolhouse

5. With regard to the drawing of Bills we beg to suggest that they should be drawn in Comm., signed by yourself & the Secretary, or ~~of~~ by the Chairman & one of those officers.

6. We feel obliged by the Accts. Curr. of the Mission acknowledged above. It gives us an insight into the details of the Expenditure without which the Comm. could neither themselves form a judgment of the nature of that expenditure nor give information on that subject to others. We scarcely need repeat the extreme solicitude of the Comm. that the strictest economy should be practised in every department of the Mission consistent with the health of Missionaries & the efficiency of their proceedings.

7. We are glad to observe that the views of the Corr. Comm. coincide with those of the Parent Comm. with regard to the extension of the Mission into the interior of British Guiana. The main objects of the Rev. T. Youd's journeys into the interior should be those stated in the Minute of the Corr. Comm. Mar. 16/38. Full and accurate information on all the points therein adverted to are absolutely necessary in order thereon to ground so important a measure as the formation of a new Mission Station in the interior. What has occurred at Pirara shews how unsafe and improper it is to act hastily in such a matter.

We remain, dear Sir,

Very truly yours

D. Coates

Sec. C.M.S.

Instructions of the Committee to Mr. Edmund Christian proceeding to British Guiana, Delivered November 15. 1839

Dearly Beloved in the Lord —

It is with mingled feelings of thankfulness, solicitude, and hope, that the Committee meet you, on this occasion of delivering their Instructions to you. Thankful they are bound to be, and thankful they indeed are, when they contemplate those good results which are now to be seen in so many parts of the Missionary field. For all this the Committee would devoutly give thanks to the great "Lord of the harvest," who so freely and so richly "loadeth us with his benefits." "Not unto us, not unto us, Oh Lord, but unto thy Name, give the praise; for thy loving mercy and for thy truth's sake." If together with these joyful feelings some emotions of anxiety will enter, they spring from the remembrance that we have all one common enemy, and that we have all one common fallen nature to contend with. But our hopes are yet stedfast; and they prevail over our fears — when we remember, how marvellously the Lord hath blessed us hitherto, and that we have his sure promise that He will never leave, never forsake those that trust in Him. One blessed sentence we have, from the lips of our Divine Master, which is the Missionary's safe passport, throughout every region of this earth — "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world." — May He vouchsafe to us a complete sense of his Holy Presence, in our present Meeting!

The Committee in appointing you to labour at Bartica Point, under the direction and superintendence of the Rev. H. Bernau, are following out the intention which they have long cherished, of giving him such effective [illegible] in the department of Education, as may leave him more leisure for the appropriate spiritual duties of his office as a Missionary. The Society has for some years been gradually aiming to draw together the unsettled Indians towards their Missionary Station at Bartica Point; and its efforts have in a small, yet hopeful degree been attended with success. Adjacent to the Station Mr. Bernau says that there are now built 16 neat cottages; and thus there are collected together in a small circle, 90 persons who are living in a comparatively civilized condition. The Congregation, which is gathered also from various other parts, may average on the Sunday Mornings 300; out of these there are 38 Communicants; Day Scholars about 50; Sunday Scholars four times that number. There are likewise 3 youths in training, maintained by the Society. In the Schools Mr. Bernau teaches the Bible, a portion of Church History, and other History, Writing, Arithmetic, Composition, and Singing:— nor is manual labour forgotten, that forming a considerable part of every Scholar's employment. It is manifest from this brief sketch how much he must need aid. Equally clear is the course of instruction, in which it will be your province, under his experienced direction, to labour. The Committee are well persuaded that as soon as you shall have become inured to the peculiarities and inconveniences of foreign habits, that it will be your delight daily to devote your powers to this most interesting work.

The ulterior object of the Society however, and one to which the Committee wish that you should immediately direct your views, is, the complete formation at this Station of a Normal School. It has apparently been reserved for this later age of the world — an age distinguished by intellectual industry — so to arrange plans of Popular Education, as to combine the teaching of the Scholars, and the training of some of them to become themselves Teachers. Thus in the art of Education nothing is suffered to go to waste. No more does the presiding Master simply content himself with imparting knowledge to his pupils; but he imparts to them also his own art, and becomes, as it were, the parent of numerous Teachers, whose energies and talents are consequently available for an extensive sphere. By this combined process the friends of Christianity are pledging in every part of the world to make the Gospel known to the present and future generations. It is a matter of high gratification to the Committee to know that the successful exertions of Mr. Bernau have gained the approbation of the Lord Bishop of Barbadoes; who being on a visit to his Station, and having a plan for establishing Schools of a similar nature at another place, anxiously enquired whether Mr. Bernau could spare him one of his Youths. In bringing the wild untutored Indian Youth, however, to this degree of proficiency and practical good habits, you will at once perceive how needful it will be for you to cultivate industry, patience, intelligence, system, punctuality, and kindness of manner. These are the cardinal Virtues of your office. The Committee will only add on this subject, that you will, they trust, ever be enabled to maintain the highest of all principles by which the minds of young persons are most effectually influenced, directed, and governed. The principle of Piety, pervading every measure and every course of Instruction, will sanctify all your proceedings. A blessing from on high will rest on you and those under your charge, if you consider the whole Establishment as a family specially dedicated by the prayers of the Missionaries and of the Members of the Society, to God. You, more particularly should habituate yourself to make the individual character of the Scholars, — those especially preparing for the office of Teachers — the subject of your daily study, your daily prayers. Thus will the gift of wisdom be bestowed on you and on them: the Saviour will by His Spirit, dwell in the midst of your company: and the promise will be fulfilled to your interesting charge — "They shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses. One shall say I am the Lord's; and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe with his hand unto the Lord, and surname himself by the name of Israel." "They shall be all taught of God; and great shall be the peace of thy children".

Finally, Brother, farewell. To you and the whole Missionary Body, thus far so greatly favoured by our common Master and Lord, the words of the Apostle are well suited, as expressing the continuance of that blessing of which you already enjoy the commencement: — "Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you." He will be with you, if you walk humbly and closely with Him, daily holding communion with Him in the Spirit, walking in the steps of his blessed Son, and striving ~~his~~ by his grace to be obedient in all things to His most holy will. As Christian friends, although labouring in different departments of the same work, the Committee would affectionately remind you, as they desire themselves ever to remember, that our Master Christ, the Corner-Stone of that building which we are helping to raise to the glory of his great Name, will have us to be as lively stones, and built up a spiritual house; — a house built by Him, on Him, and to Him; to whom be glory and praise for ever. Amen. Who, indeed, can contemplate this glorious and sacred work, without feeling the force of His declaration — "The Lord will be sanctified in all them that come near to Him". The very humblest office in His household requires to be undertaken and performed in the spirit of true holiness. God will sanctified in our hearts, in our tempers and dispositions, in our conversation, in our domestic sphere, in our public measures; He will be sanctified in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in Him. To this end supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks are continually offered up by the Spiritual Church of Christ: and in proportion as these abound, so do mercy and truth, righteousness and peace prevail in the family and household of God, and carry their benign influence to regions before unblest with the light of the Gospel. To this end all the dispensations of Divine Providence are directed: hindrances are to be removed, the rough places are to be levelled, the ground is to be cleared, the materials are to be brought together, as it were the stone, the timber, the iron, and the precious metals, with which the Temple is to be built and adorned; that all nations may flow unto it, and that it may be a house of prayer for all people. Already the Lord appears to be lifting up his holy arm in the sight of all the nations; and in the midst of many fears and many shakings to be settling this in the hearts of his people, and in the minds of those who hitherto understood it not, that the Church of Christ, the pure, holy, spiritual Church, is the object of his especial regard, and that He will make all human affairs bend to this one object — the glory of His Kingdom among men. Happy then are they who discern his gracious designs, and in obedience to his ordinances serve him with a faithful service. Happy are they, whom He honours by calling them to be fellow-workers with Him. The Committee would encourage you, dear Brother, by the consideration that you are thus called to be, not only a lively stone, but also a builder in this rising temple. But however, or wherever you may be occupied in his work, if your heart be faithful to Him, His gracious eye will be over you for good: you may safely confide to Him all your temporal cares, while engaged in his spiritual service:_ and He has yet a brighter scene preparing for you, for us and all his chosen people, in whose sight he will, at the great consummation of all things, bring forth the head-stone of this Temple, with shoutings, crying Grace, grace unto it.

By order of the Committee.

Church Missionary House
Nov. 27 1839.

W. L. Christian

My dear Sir,

1. We enclose a copy of the Instructions of the Committee which were delivered to you on the 15th Inst. These you will have the kindness to communicate to the Rev. J. H. Bernau on reaching your destination. Agreeably to the tenor of these Instructions you will act under the direction & superintendence of Mr Bernau in the whole of your proceedings

2. The Corr. Comtt. in Demerara will fix the amount of your salary, & from them you will receive the money requisite to enable you to proceed to Bartica Grove and for your

settlement at that Station.

3. Ten Pounds will be given you to meet any expenses to which you may be subject on any unforeseen occasion for money previously to your arrival in Demerara. For this or the balance of it, if any be expended, you will have the kindness to account to the Corr. Comt.

4. The Committee will be glad to find that you are able to make yourself useful on shipboard to your fellow passengers & the Crew. You will however bear in mind that you can do nothing in the ship without the sanction of the Captain. By a judicious, kind, & conciliatory conduct, there is little doubt but this would be obtained; but any indication of a disposition to act independently of him would be likely to close the door against you.

5. Write to us before you leave the channel, if an opportunity offers, to acknowledge your Instructions, and inform us of your circumstances. At all events by the first Packet after your arrival in Demerara.

6. You will have the kindness to address all your official communications to us through the Corr. Com. This course is necessary to enable the Local Committee properly to discharge the duties confided to them by the Parent Committee in superintending & directing the affairs of the Mission. You will at the same time be at liberty to write to us direct on any subject on which you may wish to refer to us in a private & confidential manner.

7. We enclose a Letter to W. B. Pollard Esq. ~~Secretary~~ Treasurer of the Corr. Comt., which you will have the kindness to deliver to him on your landing in Demerara, who will give you directions as to your future proceedings.

With our prayers for your future comfort & usefulness

We remain,
Dear Mr. Christian,
Very truly yours,

D. Coates
for Com.

Church Missionary House. London
Decr. 2nd. 1839

Bp of Barbados

My Lord.

I beg respectfully to inform your Lordship that I have been appointed an additional Clerical Secretary of the Church Missionary Society.

I have been directed by the Committee to state to your Lordship, that, in the existing state of the Society's finances, the Committee have no intention of resuming their operations among the negroes of British Guiana: and that, for the same reason, they are not prepared to occupy a new station on the Pomeroon. And as they understand from the Revd. C. Carter that your Lordship has proposed to employ him yourself on the Pomeroon, the Committee sanction Mr. Carter's relinquishment of his connection with the Society, with a view to the accomplishment of this object.

They have also learned by despatches lately received that a school-room has been commenced in Pomeroon and that 200 £ has been already expended upon it. The Committee feel that they would not be justified in laying out any further sums on this station. They therefore beg to offer to your Lordship the school-room in its present state, in the hope that you may be able to finish and make use of it. Your Lordship is probably aware that the sum thus advanced forms part of the Government grant, and that consequently the school will be subject to the Government Regulations in reference to the Parliamentary Grants for Negro Education.

I beg also to inform your Lordship that Mr. Edmund Christian has been appointed by the Committee to act as a Catechist in Demerara under the Revd. J. H. Bernau, with a view to the establishment of a Normal School for the instruction of Indian youth. Mr. Christian sailed from London on Wednesday last Novr. 27th.

I have the honor to be, My Lord,

Your Lordships very humble & obedient

Thomas Vores. Sec. Ch. M. Soc.

Church Missy. House,
Dec. 13. 1839.

Rev. R. Panton

Dear Sir,-

1. No communication from the Mission has reached us except your Letter of Oct. 2/39 since the despatch of our last Letter Nov. 1/39, of which a duplicate is enclosed.

2. A few points occur to us to notice in the communications acknowledged in our last Letter.

3. With regard to the Normal School the Rev. W. L. Bell's being licensed to exercise his ministry at the Chapel near the Grove appears to us to possess many advantages both as it respects himself & the youths under his charge. We beg your at

tention to Mr. Bell's description of Robert M. [illegible] in his Lady Day Report. We strongly doubt the expediency of retaining so unhopeful a youth in the School. You are well aware of the importance which the Committee attach to the Normal School, and of their solicitude to see it replenished with scholars. In order, however, to answer the end of the Institution they must be youths of good natural parts as well as of hopeful piety. Otherwise their presence would only burden the Institution instead of promoting its object. Mr Bell, we observe, proposes that three months' notice should be given him before a youth is removed in order to be employed as a Catechist. The reasons for this appear to us so convincing that we earnestly recommend its being done where practicable. It appears from the Report under notice that the dinner hour of the youths is 5 P.M. Reasons may exist for this arrangement, though they are not given; but as it strikes us unusual in such an establishment we just draw the attention of the Corr. Comt. to it

4. Notices frequently occur in the communications of the Missionaries of the late period & irregular manner in which the Society's publications reach them, especially the Church Miss. Record. We particularly request your attention to this point as the Comt. attach much importance to the early & regular transmission of these publications to every Missionary & Catechist. If a sufficient number are ^not^ now sent for the supply of the Mission have the goodness to apprize us.

5 It appears from Mr. Cook's Lady Day Report that Woodford where he is situated is in the midst of Dissenters. This is a location which it is desirable to avoid, unless some special reason should exist for such a step

6. By this ship the Duke of Bronte we forward the usual publications to the present date. The Invoice & Bill of Lading are enclosed.

7. It is stated in the Rev. W. J. Woodcock's Report of the that Boys & Girls of all ages are taught in the same room. We have no doubt this has been unavoidable for want of separate Buildings. It is however so seriously objectionable that the practice should by all means be put an end to as soon as circumstances will possibly admit.

We remain, dear Sir,
Very truly yours,
D. Coates
Lay Secy.

Church Missionary House,
London. December 30. 1839.

Dear Brother Dixon

Arrangements having been made by which an additional Clerical Secretary takes part of the Spiritual Correspondence with the Missionaries, you will hereafter be written to by the Rev. T. Vores, from whose letters I am persuaded you will derive both comfort & benefit. I cannot however part from tried & valued friend like yourself, without at least a short line. It has been a real pleasure to me to mark your course from the beginning — your labours, trials & successes. You have passed through the interesting crisis of West Indian Emancipation: & you now instantly behold the Free-man longing for your Ministerial labours. Surely it is a high honour & gratification to have weathered such a period. But to continue patient in well-doing,

& to carry on those very ignorant people to any good measure of perfection — this will now be your aim, & you will find it to be a long & a hard office. But be not weary: be prudent in the management of your health, & the improvement of your opportunities: if others are for making quick work, be you for making sure work. — There was a single word in one of your Journals, which I ventured to correct, because I am sure I knew your meaning: you spoke of those sermons ~~on the~~ on & about the 1st of August, when you recommended the Negroes to labour diligently, as political sermons. They might under existing circumstances have been so represented: but the very sound of a political sermon is invidious — & in reality it was simply a sound Christian sermon. You will understand me.

Your Brother in law, Mr Seddon has a fair prospect of labour at home: I wish he could have kept out on his Mission: it would have been the best; but I hope God will over-rule it for good.

With kind remembrance to Mrs Dixon, I remain, affectionately Yours,

Wm Jowett.

38 Dec. 30/39. Rev W. K. Betts

Church Missionary House,
London, December 30. 1839.

Dear Brother Betts,

The appointment of an additional Clerical Secretary has led to a division of the Spiritual Correspondence with the Missionaries, & in consequence my valued coadjutor, the Rev. T. Vores, will henceforth be your Correspondent. I cannot however refrain from sending you a few lines; the more so as they have been due a long time. You have in your West Indian life — (not to mention your West African) — gone through many vicissitudes — & it has pleased an Allwise & Allmerciful God latterly to visit you with one of his heaviest strokes of all. I feel deeply for those of our Missionaries who are called to sustain the pressure of their duties, cares & griefs. How heavy must the tidings have been to the prophet — 'Son of man, behold, I take away the desire of thine eyes with a stroke:' and how sudden the fulfilment of the word — 'At even my wife died.' We are not, as he was, commanded to forbear to cry: our God allows us to feel, & has wise purposes in view in making us feel. Now, at this distance of time, I doubt not you have been enabled in some measure to realize specially, it is good for Ministers to be afflicted that they may know how to sympathize with for others, & comfort them in their afflictions. So St. Paul expresses himself in that well known passage 2 Cor. 1. May this have proved to be your experience: then in the end you will see that for others also it was good for you to have been afflicted.

Your present charge at the Grove is indeed most important: I scarce know one that is more so. On the Christianly-educated youths depends the true glory & happiness of Jamaica: on you in no small measure depends that education. What affection, what prudence, what industry & vigilance, what patience & perseverance, should yours be! Ask all these gifts of God, & he will give them: He giveth wisdom liberally: he giveth more grace. May promises like these support & quicken you in your work. I remain, affectionately Yrs. Wm. Jowett.

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Church Missionary House,
London, December 30. 1839.

Dear Mr. Newman,

As the West Indies' Missionaries will hereafter correspond on more general Missionary subjects with my valued co-adjutor, the Rev. T. Vores, I write a few lines to mention that circumstance to you, & to urge you to cultivate a correspondence with him, which cannot but prove to be for your advantage. At an earlier period of your residence in Jamaica, I thought you somewhat backward in writing. Your want of fixed Station, & your ill health were the causes: but you will find, & so do we, that regular Missionary communications are essential to the well-being of a Mission. Indeed they are a duty. I trust therefore you will take good heed to this point. It may interest you to know that your friend, the Bishop of Ripon, whom ~~you~~ Mr Vores saw in the North last Summer, made very particular enquiries about you. — I have recently had a little correspondence again, on Religious & Missionary subjects, with Mrs Newman's sister at Wisbech: & it will gratify you to learn that she is endeavouring, as far as her health & opportunities admit, to stir up her neighbours to Missionary exertions, & to caring for the sick & poor. I should hope, from this, as well as from the expressions in her letter, that grace is gaining ground in her heart.

Let me repeat, Write freely & fully to us; — & with kind remembrances to Mrs Newman, believe me,

Yours very sincerely Wm Jowett.

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Rev J. F. Sessing. Dec 30/39

Church Missionary House, London,
December 30. 1839.

Dear Brother Sessing,

The appointment of an additional Clerical Secretary leading to a new division of that Spiritual correspondence which I have hitherto kept with all the Missionaries, you will henceforth be written to by my valued fellow-worker, the Rev. Mr Vores. I exhort you by all means to write to him, as you have done to me. I would not however part without one line. Since you entered on your West Indies' labours, God has answered you in the desire of your heart, in your admission to Holy Orders in our Church, by which means your usefulness may be so greatly extended. What you occasionally mention about the extreme ignorance of some professed converts, I can well understand. But if others make quick work, you will ever find it best to aim at making sure work. Line upon line, & precept upon precept; Truth broken clearly into small parts, & given to those mere babes in Christ, as they are able to bear it; Characters cautiously admitted, where there *may* be more of profession than of reality — & yet, with all this, a hearty affection embracing all that appear willing to come to Christ, & helping them forward into His gracious presence: these seem to me to be the chief features of your work. Pray without ceasing, dear brother, that you may obtain grace to make your work complete, that you may make full proof of your ministry; that your profiting may appear unto all men. I will only add, Keep up your Journals regularly, & let Mr Vores be favoured now & then with a letter, expressing the free feelings of your heart.

With kind remembrances to Mrs Sessing, Believe me, yours affectionately

Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House, London,
January 2nd 1840.

Dear Mr Paul,

As the appointment of an additional Clerical Secretary withdraws me in part from the spiritual correspondence with our Missionary Labourers, & among them those in Jamaica, I write a few lines at parting: - and first of all, to recommend you earnestly, for your own sake, as well as that of your work, to maintain full & free correspondence with my valued fellow-labourer, the Rev. Mr Vores. Let me add a word or two also concerning your work. Some of your later communications were most interesting than your earliest ones. It seemed to me as if you had got more into your work — your heart & hand more in it. The blessedness of this (if it be so) you & your wife must deeply feel. And when I say, if it be so, it is with the persuasion on my mind, that it is so. Has not God blessed you in continuing at your work — holding you to it — & enlarging the minds of both of you, to a clearer view of the duties assigned you, & to a cheerful engagement in them? I wish you would, and that very soon, write a letter to Mr Vores, stating your feelings & experience on this subject. To be engaged in our work, is one way of making us love the work; though we must always first love it, to be willing to engage in it. I dare say you often find the ways & tempers of the children a little trying; the way to learn to bear with them, is, to learn first of all perfectly to manage our own tempers. And when we have discovered the great difficulty of this, then, seeing the forbearance of our heavenly Father toward us, shall not we have the same forbearance towards others?

— Take, my dear Sir, all these hints in

the same friendly spirit as that in which they are written. May you be blessed in in your work. See to it that you & yours live constantly in prayer, in humble dependence on the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, in self-denying habits, in holy fear & holy love. Thus will you have peace, & good success.

I remain, Very sincerely Yrs Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House, London,
January 2nd 1840.

Dear Brother Winckler,

The appointment of an additional Clerical Secretary withdraws me from a part of that spiritual correspondence with the Missionaries which I have hitherto maintained: among the rest, from Jamaica. Let me earnestly recommend you still to correspond with my valued co-adjutor, the Rev. Mr Venn; you will find it to be for your own benefit, as well as that of the Mission. But I cannot part with my friends, without at least a short line. Your course, all along, has been plain & simple & interesting: & I doubt not you have found God blessing you both in your own soul & in your work. He has blessed you also with a partner; with whom I trust you find it good to take sweet counsel, having one heart, one purpose, one & the same set of hopes & fears, cares &

enjoyment. This is, indeed, a great privilege: but like all valuable things, it needs to be watched & preserved with care. I think the principal worm at the root of our various comforts, & of our usefulness in general, is Selfishness. I do not say this, in the least intimating that you have more inclination to this than others: — possibly, if you would ~~say~~ it allow me to say it, I should think you may have less of it than very many others. But those who have the least, know they have much of Self love & Selfishness: & they who subdue themselves the most completely, are generally those who most feel how very much they have to subdue. The only principle which is effectual to cast out Self love, is the love of Christ. This holy temper will lead us to love all His servants, to love every part of his work, to love even trials, & mortifications & losses, for His sake. The love of Christ is an humble, but also a vigorous, grace. — You know this well: may we both know it better, & more experimentally. Pray for us, as we do for you. I have not the pleasure of knowing your wife, but beg my kind respects to her.

I remain,
Affectionately Yours,

40. Jan 2/40. Rev J W Woodcock

Church Missionary House, London.
January 2nd 1840.

Dear Brother Woodcock,

The appointment of an additional Clerical Secretary having occasioned a division of that Spiritual correspondence which I have hitherto kept up with the Missionaries, your Mission falls to the province of my colleague the Rev Mr Vores; with whom I earnestly recommend you, for your own advantage' sake, freely to communicate. I shall still have you & your work constantly in view, & still have you in my remembrance in my prayers. I would not, however, part without a few words of brotherly good will. We have long been connected in one form or another, in the Missionary object. Your later plans have excited in my mind a little anxiety, lest peradventure you should be building too sanguinely on the hope that the Negroes will carry through their purpose of helping you. I heartily wish it may be so. But there is an ardour of affection about their natures, which seems to bespeak them rather the creatures of impulse, than men of steady perseverance. Here too I wish I may be mistaken. Most assuredly we are bound to deserve them by love: but it is wise to reflect how far & how long they may be depended on for permanent work: — without counting this cost, we may risk disappointments in the end. All this, however,

I throw out simply in the way of hints:
~~they~~ have probably occurred to your own mind:
they are not designed to discourage — but rather
to direct. You will, no doubt, have much felt
the need of not ~~[illegible]~~ unduly setting them in
motion: but you must still press on as the
effective & unwearied leader. The circumstance
that you have one of the Normal Youths to help
you might lead a Missionary sometimes
to relax a little — it should, however,
quicken to redoubled vigilance &
activity — for he, in a nearer sense, is
one of your charge: as you are, he
probably will be; & as you both are, so
will be your flock. These are some of the
ideas which have occupied my mind in reference
to your sphere. Accept them, as they are intended,
in a friendly spirit. — Continue your Journals
full & detailed: never cramp them.
With kind remembrances to Mrs Woodcock
believe me, Yrs affectionately, Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House,
London, January 2nd 1840.

Dear Mr Gillies,

As the appointment of an additional
Clerical Secretary will transfer from me to him
~~[illegible]~~ part of the Spiritual [illegible]

our Missionary Labourers abroad and among them those of the West Indies; I would in this, which is a kind of farewell letter, earnestly recommend you to maintain a full correspondence with my co-adjutor the Rev. Mr. Coles. I would not, however, part without a few lines. Your course, (especially from that day when in few words you opened your mind to us,) has always been very interesting to me. I know not whether I have not feared on your behalf lest you should with too much intensity of feeling look on your own unworthiness & the imperfections of all you do not viewing at the same time the fulness & perfect freedom of the grace of God in Christ, & not apprehending your completeness in the Redeemer. I know that we cannot have too low an opinion of ourselves, & all our performances: they are so poor that they will not bear looking at. At least, not alone, or apart from the work of the Spirit & the atoning blood of Christ. But when we view ourselves & our services as being God's workmanship, we then are bound to thank him for what He has wrought & to glory in his salvation. I cannot resist the impression that in saying so much, I am offering something which to your mind is very needful. Let us rejoice, my dear friend, that our Master deigns to call & to employ us. We may say as the venerable John Newton used to do — I am not what I ought to be: I am not what I wish to be: I am not what I hope to be: but — I am not what I was!

— May you be comforted & strengthened in your work & by your work: may your wife help you in it, & may you both together have joy in the Lord!

I remain,
Yours very sincerely, Wm. Jowett.
Church Missionary House, London,
January 3rd 1840.

Dear Mr. Holt,

The appointment of an additional Clerical Secretary having led to a new distributing, that spiritual correspondence which I have hitherto maintained with the Missionary Labourers, [illegible] now falls to the province of my valued co-adjutor, the Rev. Mr. Vores; — with whom you will find it a great privilege to keep up free correspondence. I do not, however, part from you without

3/42. W. S. Holt

I rejoice to see that a scope for usefulness has opened before you. I may almost say that I rejoice with trembling. For it lays on you an immense responsibility. To be useful, it will be needful that you proceed with great humility maintaining a steady hold on the affections of the people, which appear to be so graciously given to you: but still aiming to make sure work, in the enlightening of their understandings, the fixing of their principles, & the well-ordering of their habits. What a work is constantly before you! Its favourable beginning leads to greater demands on your time & strength & every faculty: & every fresh success is a further stimulus to exertion, & a new claim on assistance. "Work evenly" is the counsel I would give you: & let your own heart be quietly fixed on heavenly things, that your inward experience & your outward calling may keep in unison, helping & not hindering one another. Then you will be prepared for the day of adversity as well as prosperity. I shall have much pleasure in sending you a copy of another small volume which I have just printed the Xn. Visitor on the Acts & Epistles. It is very consolatory to me to know, that in

W. J Pollitt, Jan 3/40

thus abbreviating my discourses, & putting them into print, I in effect preach to many: & answering others to your numerous enquiries after religious books.

— Let me add, continue your correspondence & write fully. I shall read your letters, & shall remember you & yours in my prayers.

I remain,
Very sincerely yours,
Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House,
London, January 3rd 18

Dear Mr Pollitt,

The appointment of an additional Clerical Secretary has occasioned a new distribution of that spiritual correspondence which I have hitherto maintained with our Missionary Labourers; & in consequence, Jamaica now falls to the province of the Rev. Mr Vores, with whom for your own sake, I earnestly advise you to keep up full & free communication. I do not, however, mean to part with a few lines. It has given me joy to see you so fully engaged, & apparently not without success. I am really surprised at the willingness with which the Negroes have contributed of their [illegible] means to assist the good Cause: [illegible]

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when I consider that you have made them your & our debtors, by giving them seasonable Christian Teaching, & that you have had their affections all enlisted on your side. Be careful not to lose these: at the same time do not build upon them alone otherwise your work will soon become evanescent. Let their ardent affections only serve to you, as an introduction to solid work. Inform their minds (I remember also that your wife had some talents for this) — & hold them fast to sound principles, & steady habits. Let the love of the Saviour be their root; & abundance of good works, their fruit. Never be satisfied with either of these without the other. And in all this, let me add the hint to you & your dear wife, — much care will be needed that the work of grace be well established, & richly nurtured in your own hearts. It is inexpressibly heavy work labouring for the salvation of others, without having a constant & lively taste of the blessings of Salvation in our own hearts. But when we rejoice in our work, because we can rejoice in our God & Saviour, how easy is every thing, to do or to suffer!

— Continue your Journals, fully & freely communicating what is in your heart. I shall send them, & still pray for you & yourself.

Believe me,
Yours very sincerely,
Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House London
January 3rd 1840.

Dear Mr Cook,

The appointment of an additional Clerical Secretary having occasioned a new distribution of that spiritual correspondence ~~with~~ which I have hitherto maintained with the Missionaries, your Mission falls to the province of my valued co-adjutor, the Rev. Mr Venn; & I heartily recommend you to cultivate his correspondence. I cannot, however, part with you & your brethren without a few lines. It has been very grateful to me to mark your course indeed, ever since you were a Candidate. I remember the pains you took in conducting worship in that very small house where you were left in charge, & that circumstance gave promise of further services, when your sphere should be enlarged. Enlarged it has indeed been since that period: you now have daily need more than ever to implore Divine teaching, direction, help & comfort. I cannot doubt but that by keeping your hold on the affections of the people, & especially the young among them, you will find abundant means of instilling into their minds the graces of order, steadfastness, & perseverance. Affection, taken alone, will but [illegible] to build upon: but whoever expects to raise up solid works, without engaging & keeping the affections, makes a great mistake, & will, soon or later, find it out. I think the position of our Missionary Labourers admirably advantageous in this respect: & I earnestly wish that you & all your brethren may have grace to improve it. The method of doing this is to aim by much prayer, meditation & devoting of the heart & soul to God, to keep up in our own minds a lively & affectionate interest in his service — praying that the Holy Ghost would enable us not only to *do* his work, but to delight in it. May this spirit be yours: it is very animating: it will make hard things easy, heavy burdens light, bitter dispensations sweet. Look to Him, who suffered for us, & arm yourself with the same mind. My prayers shall be for you, though I do not correspond with you, & I shall still read your communications, (which I beg, may be copious) with much interest.

I remain,
Very sincerely yours, Wm. Jowett.

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Church [illegible]
Jan 15. [illegible]

Rev. R. Panton

Dear Sir,

1 We last wrote to you on the 1st of Nov. of which a duplicate is enclosed, and have since received the following communications from the Mission:-

Your Letters, Oct 2 & 25/39
Mrs. Panton's Letter Dec 7/39.
Minutes of Corr. Com. Sept 25 & 26/39

2. We were concerned to find by Mrs. Panton's Letter of the 7th ult. that you were at that time suffering under serious indisposition. We trust however that through the blessing of God your health has ere this been re-established.

3. We are pained to learn the position in which Mr. Holt has placed himself, by taking charge of the [illegible] Estate. It is one incompatible with the due discharge of his duties as a Catechist of the Society, and we are glad that the Corr. Comt. promptly interfered to point out to Mr. H. the error into which, through inadvertency as we are willing to hope, he had fallen.

4. We shall be very glad to receive the Report of the Mission for the last two years, directed to be prepared by Minute 11 of Sept 25 & 26/39. We earnestly hope it will reach us not later than the end of March.

5. It was highly satisfactory to the Comt. to learn that Mr. L. Panton was disposed to promote the Corr. Comt.s appeal to the House of Assembly for pecuniary aid. We request early information as to the result of this application.

6. We have just received an intimation from Mr. W. Burge, the Agent for Jamaica, of his intention to apply to the West India Asso-ciation in this country for pecuniary aid in behalf of the Soc[illegible] proceeding is grounded on the reports made to Mr. B., especially [illegible] Panton, of the beneficial effects of the Society's Missionaries [illegible] in Jamaica. Should this appeal be duly responded [illegible]

[illegible] the Comee. to retain its position in the Island.

7. We earnestly hope the Rev. A. S. Yates will be induced to reconsider his contemplated dissolution of his connexion with the Society. We should regard his withdrawal as a very serious loss, and trust such an event may be averted.

8. We have no doubt that the Comee. will fully approve of the Cor. Comee. having dissolved their connexion with Mr Harris. Had not that step been taken we had intended to call your attention to his Report of the phraseology of which, as well as some of his proceedings, appeared to us open to much objection.

With kind regards to all our friends & our earnest prayer to God for you all.

We remain, dear Sir,
Very truly yours,
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Church Missionary House,
January 15. 1840.

Rev. Messrs. Muhlhauser & Eckel

Dear Brethren,

1. We have to acknowledge the following communications from the Mission since the despatch of our Letter of Nov. 1/39, of which a duplicate is enclosed:

Rev. J. G. Muhlhauser Letter, Sept. 19/39 Lease of Land at Jordan Hill, granted
Rev. A. L. Eckel Letters, Oct. 15, 26 & Nov. 7/39 to the C.M.S. June 26/39.
Port of Spain Gazette. Oct. 8. 15. 18. 22/39.

2. Since we last wrote the state of the Trinidad Mission has been brought to the consideration of the Comee. The Resolutions adopted by them on that occasion are copied below.

3. The return home of Mr Redford of which ~~[illegible]~~ we are informed in the Letters before us will supersede the 2d Resolution. We are much concerned that [illegible] should be so seriously suffering in his health as to be under the necessity

of [illegible] [illegible], but we fear from the statements which [illegible] from time to time and in reference to which the first of the [illegible] adopted that there was little prospect of his going on harmoniously [illegible] in the Mission.

4. Those parts of Mr. Lekel's late Letters which refer to Mr. B's proceedings have been confidentially communicated to the Rev. J. M. Trew as directed by the third Resolution. Mr. Trew expressed himself much indebted to the Com. for the communication, and has taken up the matter in a manner which will, we anticipate, to a correction of what may have been erroneous or wrong conduct without compromising Mr. Lekel. You will of course take care not to allow the course taken by the Com^tt. in this matter to transpire on the [illegible] that you may not be placed in circumstances of collision with Mr. B.

5. The fourth Resolution relates to the proposed Churches in your respective Districts. You will perceive that the Com^tt. are compelled by the financial situation of the Society to decline contributing toward the erection of them. The Com^tt. regret the necessity under which they are laid of adopting this course as they justly appreciate the importance of this object and the advantageous bearing of the proposed Churches on the progress of the Mission. Influenced by this feeling they recommend that you should apply for [illegible] aid to your Diocesan and to the Gospel Propagation Society. The Bishop we doubt not render you every assistance in his power, and the course [illegible] the Propagation Society makes it not improbable that if the case were properly represented to that Society under the sanction of the Bishop, aid might be obtained from that quarter. In such an event the patronage of the Churches [illegible] of course vest in the Bishop of Barbados.

5. We have not yet received the decision of Lord John Russell on the [illegible] sition mentioned in our last Letter to transfer to Trinidad two grants for [illegible] Houses originally made to Demerara. We have however learned since [illegible] week that a School-House in appropriation of one of the grants has been [illegible] in Demerara. One only therefore remains disposable.

6. We regret to observe by your latest communications [illegible] of the Mission is £[illegible] beyond the amount stated in [illegible]

[illegible] have the fullest confidence in your own desire ry expense in carrying on your proceedings the very serious financial ty under which the Society still labours compels us again to recur to the t. We beg therefore that all in the Mission will be studious to economize penditure to the utmost extent that is consistent with the health of the s and the efficiency of their proceedings.

7. The financial considerations just adverted to will most probably nt the Comm^ee from sending out a Catechist to replace M^r. Redford.

8. We entirely concur with M^r. Eckel that it was impossible for him to y M^r. Jordan as a Catechist of the Society. Indeed the disadvantage of employ the Mission as a Religious Teacher any one who is not a member of our hurch as well as duly qualified in other respects is so obvious that we can scarcely con a case in which it would be advisable to engage the services of such an one.

With our kind regards to Mrs Muhlhauser & Mrs Eckel, M^r & Mrs Gil & M^r. Hawkins and our prayers that you may dwell together in unity and find work of the Lord increasingly prospering in your hands,

We remain,
Dear Brethren,
Very truly yours,
D. Coates

Church Missionary House
March 2. 1840.

Rev Messrs Muhlhauser & Eckel

Dear Brethren,

1. We last wrote to you on the 15th ult^o, since which period we have received no communication from the Mission.

2. Our object at present in writing is to acquaint you that we have just received Lord John Russell's sanction to the transfer to Trinidad of one of the Government Grants for a Schoolhouse at Demerara. The other has at the suggestion of the [illegible] the Lord Bishop of Barbados, been for

gress having been made in the erection of [illegible] Demerara under the sanction of the Parent Com. You will therefore have the goodness to consider where an additional School-house is most wanted and can be most advantageously built in either of your Districts, & take measures for the completion of the same with as little delay as may be. We are aware that the cost for the erection of buildings is high in Trinidad and this is an additional reason for exercising the strictest economy consistent with giving a substantial character to the building.

2. Mr. Redford is not arrived, nor have we heard anything further respecting him.

3. We are now earnestly looking for the Annual Returns of the Mission for the 31st of December last.

With kind regards to all in the Mission,
We remain, dear Brother
Very truly yours
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Church Missionary House
April 1. 1840.

Rev R Paxton

Dear Sir,—

1. We wrote you on the 15th of January last, and have since received the following communications from the Mission
Your Letter Feb. 18/40
Minutes of Corr. Com. Jan. 8, 9, 10/40
Correspondence with Rev. A. S. Yate
—— do —— Rev. J. Shrimsby & Mr. Hall
Your letter to Mr Harris Jan. 28/40.

2. We cannot at present reply at length to the above-mentioned communications. One or two points however we must notice.

3. You have been much misinformed [illegible]

of the Comm.ee prohibiting a Missionary's return home after a limited period of service without referring to the Comm.ee or their Representatives in the Mission, for permission to do so. The Regulation in question relates to the West Africa Mission alone, and none such has been adopted by the Comm.ee with regard to any other Mission, being grounded entirely on the insalubrity of the climate of Sierra Leone. The Rev. W. K. Betts has therefore no warrant to return home under that or any similar regulation. His case therefore must be determined by its own peculiar circumstances, as is done with regard to the return home of a Missionary in every other Mission of the Society, West Africa excepted.

4. We exceedingly regret the Rev. W. S. Yates' dissolution of his connexion with the Society. ~~[illegible]~~ His letter to you does not appear to us to assign any sufficient reason for the relinquishment of so important a sphere of duty for which he appears to have been peculiarly fitted, & in which his labors appear to have been much blessed.

5. Our views of the incompatibility of the charge of the Phoenix Estate with the due discharge of Mr. Holt's duties as a Catechist of the Society are unchanged. The improper tone of his Letter to you, Dec. 23/39, is still more censurable, & justly merited the reproof given to it in the Resoln. of the Cor. Comm.ee of the 8. of January. On the other hand, some allowance must be made for Mr. Holt on the ground of the sanction to take charge of the Phoenix Estate given to him by the Rev. Mess.rs Stainsby & [illegible]. The course which these valuable friends took in reference to the matter is certainly much to be regretted. The right course to be taken was to state the circumstances of the case to the Corr Com., with their own opinions on the subject, and to leave the decision with them. Had that course been pursued all difficulty would

probably have been avoided. We trust, however, that Mr Stott will have followed the directions of the Corr Comm., and that it will not be necessary for the Parent Comm. to interfere in the matter.

6. We ~~are~~ are pleased to find that your health is reestablished

We remain, dear Sir,
Very truly yours,
D. Coates
Church Missionary House,
April 13th, 1840.

Rev. R Paxton.

Dear Sir,

1. We wrote to you by Packet on the 1st Inst.; since which date the following communications from the Mission have reached us:-

Your letter Feb 27/40.
Do. Feb 26/40 to Mr Manning.
Minutes of Corr Com.: Feb 4 & 21/40.
Acct Curr.t for 1839.
Mr Jas. Roberts' letter Nov 15/39.

2. An opportunity has not yet been afforded us of taking the judgment of the Committee on these or your other recent communications.

3. We do not anticipate that the Committee will disapprove of the Corr: Comm.ee having as a temporary arrangement placed Mr Manning in charge of the Normal School - We wish however that it should be again intimated to him that his reinstatement in connection with the Society, whether at the Normal School or elsewhere can only be regarded as a provisional arrangement until the decision of the Parent Comm.e upon it shall have been

called to your. Our principal doubt respecting Mr Manning's efficiency as a Religious Teacher in Jamaica, is his want of energy; of his piety we always entertained a favourable opinion. We wish for the distinct opinion of the Corr Com^ee as to Mr M's qualification for a Catechist in the Mission after his engagement at the Normal School shall have terminated; for we consider it to be altogether out of the question that he should be continued at that Post a moment longer than the services of a competent Person can be engaged.

4. We feel obliged by the full statement of the views of the Corr Com^ee relative to the ordination of Catechists. In the force of the reasons which you have urged against the Ordination of the Catechists generally, the Com^ee will probably concur. The principal difficulty which occurs to us in acting upon the views presented in your letter is the pledge which appears to have been given by the Corr^g Com^ee to Messrs Cook & Pellett. The whole subject will however come under consideration of the Com^ee in due course.

5 By this Ship, the "United Kingdom," we forward the usual publications to the present date with some articles on the private account of Individuals. The Invoice and Bill of Lading are enclosed.

We remain,

Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully

D. Coates

Sec^y C M S

Church Missionary House
May 29. 1840

Rev Messrs Muhlhauser & Eckel

Dear Brethren,

1. Our last Letter was dated March 2/40, a duplicate of which is enclosed. The following communications have since been received:

Rev J. J. Muhlhauser's Letters, Dec. 26/39, Jan. 10 & 27th Feb 25.
Mar. 25/40, with Bills Dec/39.
Rev. J. J. Muhlhauser's Acct. Cur.t of Mission: Dec/39.
Rev. A. E. Eckel's Letters, Jan 25th Mar. 9/40.
——— do ——— Acct. Cur.t of Mission: Dec/39
Mr T. Gilbert's Letter Jan 8/40, & Journal July to Dec/39
Mr E. J. Hawkins' Letter Mar 6/40 & Journal, Aug. to Dec/39
Mr R. Woodman's Journal Oct to Dec/39
Returns of the Station & Mission, Dec/39
Port of Spain Gazette, Feb 18/40. Mar. 31/40.

2. Our object in now writing is to advise you of a shipment by the Trinidad which takes this. It includes the usual publications to the present date, & the Communion Service promised in a former Letter: the Invoice & Bill of Lading are enclosed.

3. Mr & Mrs Redford reached us on the 25th March. His health is much improved, but not sufficiently re-established for the Committee to decide on their future course respecting him.

4. We are glad to observe by the Port of Spain Gazette of March 31st that the foundation stone has been laid of a new Protestant Church at San Fernando. May God give His blessing!

5. The course which you suggest respecting the Bishop's grant of land at San Fernando seems the proper one: i.e. that part of it on which the Church stands to be conveyed to

64 May [illegible] Rev Messrs Muhlhauser & Eckel
Aug. 14/40 Rev R. A. Panton

[illegible] copy, and the remainder to be returned to the Committee on behalf of the Church Missionary Society.

6. We are thankful to hear that Mr Woodman is going on well.

7 The articles left by Mr Redford, enumerated by Mr Eckel, should be sold on account of the Society, unless wanted to supply any other member of the Mission with articles which it is requisite for the Society to provide.

8. On several points in your latest Letters we forbear to reply until we ~~have~~ have ascertained the views of the Committee upon them.

We remain, dear Brethren
Very truly yours,
D. Coates
Sec.
Church Missionary House
Aug. 14th 1840.

Rev R Panton

Dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of the 13th of April the following communications from the Mission have reached us.

Your Letters of May 14th June 8th June 27/40, Apr. 18 & 28/40.
Rev W. K. Betts' Letter Mar. 28/40; Rev J. Sessing's Letter Mar. 10/40
Mr S. Holt's Letter to you Mar. 10/40; Mr J Forbes' Letter April /40
Rev H. L. Dixon's Letter, May 25/40; Mr R. Taylor's Letter June 8/40
Your Mem.o respecting Miss.ry Catechists
Mr R Ashby's Letter, June 23/40, & Petition of Maroons of Moore Town
Rev L. R. Littlejohn's Letter to you June 7/40
Mr J Woodcock's Letter to you, June 2/40
Particulars of Rev W. K. Betts Appointment to Pedro Plains & Correspond.ce thereon; & Correspond.ce furnished by Mr Betts on same subject
Correspondence with Mr J Pollett on the subject of Ordination
Reports from the several Stations, June/39 & Sept./39.

2. Since we last wrote several of the topics comprised in your previous & sub-

urgent communications have engaged much of the attention of the Comt. The [illegible] deliberations, is comprised in the Resolutions of which copies are herewith sent.

3. The most important of these topics is that which relates to the [illegible] K. Betts — the Correspondce which passed between him & the Corr. Comt. and the issue to which it led.

4. You will perceive that on this subject the Parent Comt. have come to a different conclusion from that adopted by the Corr. Comt. A main cause of this was that the Corr. Comt. acted under an erroneous impression as to the facts of the case. Mr. Coates under a strong persuasion that the Resolution of August 30/22 had no reference to any Mission but that in West Africa wrote to you to that effect without referring to the terms of the Resolution as he unquestionably ought to have done immediately on the receipt of your Letter of Nov. 30/38. He however considered his recollection to be distinct as to the import of that Resolution and wrote to you accordingly. Hence the Corr. Com. were altogether misled as to Mr. B's real position. They naturally regarded him as acting contumaciously & disobediently, and having in vain induced him to change his course dissolved their connexion with him. Had the Corr. Com. been aware that the Resolution of Aug. 30/22 expressly included the West Indies and left it absolutely to the discretion of the party concerned whether he should act on it or not, without its being necessary previously to communicate on the subject either with the Parent Comt. or the Local Body, the Corr. Com. would doubtless not have stood on the point that a short portion of the period fixed by the Resolution was in Mr. B's case unexpired, but would have acquiesced in his return home even though they might have questioned the expediency of his doing so in the actual state of the Mission. This misconception of so material a point on which Mr. Coates' repeated statements naturally informed the Comt. is so material an element in the matter at issue between them and Mr. Betts that the Comt. trust that now they are correctly informed on that head they will perceive that the Parent Comt. were compelled by the position of the case as it stood before them to withhold their sanction from the Resolutions of the Corr. Comt. of April 2/40. It is indeed deeply to be regretted that the Corr. Com. should have been so seriously misled on the point in question, as it not only induced them to adopt a decision injurious to Mr. Betts, but as the Comt. fear placed them in consequence in a painful position in the bearings of the matter in other respects. The Comt. however rely on the Christian character of the Members of the Corr. Comt. to [illegible]

veniences to which they are at present subjected by what has occurred, and that they will continue to afford the Society the benefit of their cooperation in administering the affairs of the Mission.

5. Under all the circumstances of the ~~Mission~~ case the Commee are of opinion, as will be observed by the 2d Resolution of July 21/40, that it is not advisable that Mr. Betts should return to the Jamaica Mission. They still however contemplate his being employed elsewhere in connexion with the Society.

6. This suggests a remark on the terms of the last clause of one of the Resolutions of April 2/40, which states the necessity felt by the Corr. Commee "to dissolve the connexion of the Rev. W. K. Betts with the C.M.S." A Local Commee is authorised in a case of emergency to dissolve the connexion of a person with the Mission in which he was employed & the affairs of which they administer, but not with the Society itself. A case recently occurred in another Mission in which the Corr. Commee felt constrained to separate a Missionary from them, but in doing so they expressly limited their act to the dissolution of his connexion with the Mission for which they acted. Possibly however the Corr. Commee did not really intend more than this, though the terms which they have used are strictly taken of larger import.

7. The 1st Resolution of July 21/40 rescinds the Resolutions of Aug. 30/24 so far as relates to the Mediterranean & West Indies. This act of the Commee is however not to operate retrospectively.

8. By the Resolutions of July 31/40 the Commee sanction the dismissal of Mr. Stott and the increase of the salaries of the Missionaries & Catechists.

9. The Bishop of Jamaica has attended a Meeting of the Commee, as he proposed. He expressed himself in strong terms of satisfaction with the conduct of the Missionaries & Catechists of the Society in his Diocese. He also spoke in very friendly terms of yourself & the Corr. Commee. The Bishop urged the necessity of an increase in the salaries of our Agents, especially of the Rev. W. A. Ashby. He also recommended that the Commee should sanction the consecration of the Rural Hill Chapel. This suggestion gave rise to the consideration of the question of endowments for which the Commee do not think it within their province to provide. The Bishop also stated that an outlay of about £200 sterl. was requisite to prepare the Chapel for consecration. The Resolutions which the Commee adopted on this subject are enclosed.

10. One consideration which weighed much with the Com.tee in taking [illegible] explained in the Resolution under notice was that as they do not look upon Jamaica as an appropriate sphere of labour to be permanently occupied by the Society an arrangement of the kind proposed in the first Resolution presented a favourable opportunity of gradually contracting our operations in the Island. We have not yet received the Bishop's reply to the Committee's proposal.

11. The Bishop also attended a meeting at the Mansion House for the Formation of an Auxiliary Comt. for the City of London, and in his Speech on the occasion bore highly honourable testimony to the value of the Society's services in Jamaica.

12. The Bishop has since communicated with the Comt.. respecting a Clergyman for Pedro Plains. Such an Agent the Comt.. are quite unable to supply. We enclose an abstract of the Bishop's Letter and of our Resolution, July 30/40.

13. When the Bishop attended the Comt.. he mentioned your appointment to Hope Chapel, and the satisfaction which it had given him to make it. The Comt.. have also had under their consideration that part of your Letter of May 14/40 which relates to it. They appreciate the advantage which this appointment secures to the Normal School Youths as placing them under your ministry, and the saving of expense which would accrue to the Society by the diminution of your salary to which it would lead. They see however some inconvenience in your being thus pledged to a specific pastoral charge. It might under a change of views on the part of the Bishop, or a view altogether different from his on the part of a future Bishop, place you in circumstances of much perplexity & embarrassment as to your duties to your Diocesan on one hand & to the Society on the other. The Comt.. adopted no Resolution on the subject, not seeing their way at present as to the course to be taken. They were however of opinion that it would be advisable to communicate with the Bishop and come to a clear understanding with him on the subject before he leaves England

14. The Comt.. have also had under their consideration that part of your Letter of Feb. 27/40 which relates to the Ordination of Catechists. The conclusion to which they came is conveyed in a Resolution adopted on the 10. Inst., which is [illegible] They fully concur with the Corr. Comt.. in the ineligibility of presenting the Catechists of the Mission to the Bishop for Ordination. They have felt somewhat on [illegible] the previous recommendation of the Corr. Comt. as to Pollitt & Hooker [illegible]

as far as the Parent Comt. are concerned, covered by the terms of their Resolution of July 9/39, which sanctioned their being presented as Candidates for Holy Orders, "at such period as the Corr. Com. may deem advisable." The Rev. G. Griffith's opinion that a year's study, unembarrassed by other avocations is requisite to prepare Mr. Pollitt for presentation to the Bishop, disposes of his case; for the Comt. do not consider any Catechist entitled thus to relinquish his appropriate duties to prepare for Ordination. The opinion of the Corr. Comt. that Mr. Cooke "is hardly in a fit state of mind, as to his spirituality, to be ordained," certainly puts it out of their power to recommend him to the Bishop for that purpose.

15. Into Mr. H. Taylor's case we must enter a little more particularly. The communication which he made to you on the subject and the use which he has made of the Extract of Mr. Coates' Letter to ~~himself~~ of Sept. 21/37 are, we regret to say, very disingenuous. In order to set this matter at rest we enclose the Minute of the Comt. of Correspondence of Aug. 29/37, when Mr. T. was before them; extract of his Letter of Sept. 1/37; Resolution of Comt. of Corresp. thereon Sept. 11/37, and ~~extract~~ a copy of Mr. Coates' Letter to Mr. T. of Sept. 21/37. With these Papers before them the Corr. Comt. will see that so far from prospectively sanctioning Mr. T's. Ordination, the Parent Comt. positively refuse to send him out on any other terms than his acting in the capacity of Catechist only.

16. The Corr. Comt. will however hold themselves authorised to present a particular Catechist as a Candidate for Holy Orders should they see circumstances in his case to call for such a step. The Comt. make this remark the more freely, from knowing from the communication under notice the coincidence of views between themselves & the Corr. Comt. as to the ineligibility of promoting the Ordination of the Catechists generally.

17. The Comt. were grieved to learn that ill health had compelled Mr. Gillies to return home. They are however fully satisfied as to the propriety of the step in his circumstances.

18. Mr. Hunt's withdrawal from the Mission indicates, we fear, that his own mind is not in a satisfactory state. The loss of his services to the Mission is probably inconsiderable

19. We have not had an opportunity of taking the judgment of the Comt.

on the Correspondence with Mr. Pollitt covered by your letter of the 27. of June are however strongly of opinion that they will take the same view of his conduct you have done. We hope however he will yet reconsider the matter, and the diligent discharge of those catechetical duties which are assigned to him.

20. While the Comm. deplore the reduced state of the Mission by the cession of so many of its Members from different causes, they regret that they can out no hope of repairing those losses from home. We therefore recommend that the Corr. Com. should engage the best local aid they can for the Stations to which they are already pledged. The entering on new ones is quite out of the question.

21. We have paid Mr. W Rowe £300 as the first instalment for the Old England Property.

22. The addition of 21 Clergymen to the Island Establishment by the of Assembly does them great credit, and had made a very favourable impression in this country

23. We regret to remind you that we are still without the Returns of the Mission for the year 1839.

24. We are glad to perceive that your attention is drawn to the means of increasing the efficiency of the Normal School. You could not render a more acceptable service to the Comm. nor more effectually promote the best interests of the Mission than by so doing.

We remain, dear Sir,
Very truly yours,
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Church Miss. House
Aug. 15. 1840.

W. B. Pollard Esq.

Dear Sir,

We enclose a duplicate of our last letter to you of Nov. 27/39 given in charge of Mr Christian; and have only time to acknowledge the following communications from the Mission since the despatch of that Letter.

Your Letters of Dec. 9/39, Feb. 12th Jan. 25/40
Rev. J. H. Bernau's Letter, May 12/40, Jan. 22/40
Rev. T. Youd's Journal, Mar. to Sep./39
Mr. E. Christian's Letters Jan. 9th Feb. 10th May 30/40
Drawing of Bartica Grove.

We also have to advise you of a shipment p. the "Fair Acadian", which through inadvertency is consigned to W. Roberts Esqr. instead of yourself. The Invoice & Bill of Lading are enclosed.

We remain, dear Sir,
truly yours,

D Coates
Secy.
Church Missy. House

Rev. R. Paxton

Sept 16. 1840.

Dear Sir,

We write to advise you of a shipment p. the New Phoenix, Capt. Simpson. The Invoice & Bill of Lading are enclosed.

We also enclose a duplicate of our last Letter, August 14/40.

We remain,
Dear Sir,
Very truly yours

Henry Venn Sec. CMS.

Bp. Jamaica July 30/40

Church Missionary House July 30th 1840
(Bp. Jamaica)

My Lord,

The Committee have given their most careful consideration to the proposal which your Lordship was pleased to make to them in reference to the consecration of the Chapel at Rural Hill. They are of opinion that it is not the duty of this Society either to endow Churches, or to undertake the payment for an indefinite period of the stipend of a Missionary in the altered circumstances in which he would be placed as the Minister of a Consecrated Church.

But as the Committee are very desirous to comply with your Lordship's wishes as far as they can, they have directed me to inform you that they are willing to incur the expence which would be necessary in order to put the building in a proper state for consecration: and that they would then transfer the Church to your Lordship as a part of the Ecclesiastical establishment of the Island. ¶

They would also if it met with your approbation acquiesce in Mr. Ashby's appointment to Rural Hill as an Island Curate, should such an arrangement

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acceptable to Mr. Ashby.

I have the honor to be, My Lord,

Your Lordships very humble and obedien

Thomas Vores. Sec. C.M.S.

Bp. Jamaica

Church Missy. House,
Aug. 7. 1840.

My Lord,

Your Letter of the 25th ulto relative to a Clergyman for the Pedro Plains St Elizabeth has been communicated to the Comm^ee of the Church Missy. Society. They regret that it is wholly out of their power to present to your Lordship a Clergyman for that important Station. Under these circumstances it would afford the Com. much satisfaction to learn that you had the means of otherwise providing for the District.

I have the honor to remain,
Your Lordships
Most obedt Servant
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Ch. Missy. House
Rev. W. Betts
Aug. 13. 1840

My dear Sir;

I beg to acknowledge your Letter of the 11th Inst. requesting a copy of the Resolution of the Genl

Revd W K Betts. Aug. 13/40

Revd W. K Betts, Oct 23/40

on the Correspondence between yourself & the Rev. R Panton. Though I have not an opportunity at present to refer to the Cont. I have no hesitation in complying with your request; The Resolutions are therefore copied below.

With regard to "the views of the Committee respecting Mr Panton's imputation of something unworthy in your conduct," the Cont. adopted no Resolution. The disposition manifested in the third Resolution to promote your being employed in some other Mission of the Society will I think be regarded by you as sufficiently expressive of their confidence.

We also copy below the Resol. of the Jamaica Cont. of July 4–6/38 in approbation of your conduct as Secretary of that Body, & that of the Cont. here concurring with the same.

I remain, My dear Sir

Very truly yours

D. Coates

Ind.

CM House

Oct. 23/40

Rev. W. K Betts

My dear Sir

I duly rec'd your letter of the 19th, and enclose a Bank Post Bill for £34.10.0, being the allowance to Dec 17/39 and £9.12.0 for travelling expenses, as per your account. I have therefore remitted three months allowance to save the necessity of your applying again for money almost immediately. Pleas to acknowledge the Bill.

With regard to your offer to attend association meetings as a deputation you will, I am sure, allow me to speak quite candidly. I am of course aware of your strong feelings with regard to many points connected with the Jamaica mission. Now without expressing or intimating any opinion as to the correctness or incorrectness of your views on those points, I have no hesitation in saying that, in my judgment, ~~that~~ it would be wrong toward the mission and toward the Comtee that you should in any way enter on those subjects to any party in your visits to the associations. If you are prepared to act thus your visits to associations may be highly advantageous to the Society; but if not it is to my mind quite clear that you should altogether avoid such meetings. I conceive this course is the more obligatory as you have referred the matter to the Comtee and are waiting their decision upon it. Standing in the position I do with respect to all the parties concerned I could not reconcile it to my mind to withhold their remarks in reply to your enquiry.

With kind regards to Mrs Kelly

I remain
My dear Sir
very truly yrs
D. Coates

Rev. Messrs Muhlhauser & Eckel

Church Missy. House,
Nov. 3. 1840.

Dear Brethren,—

We are unable at the present to do more than advise you of a shipment by the 'Antigua' of the usual publications to the present date; and to acknowledge the following communications from the Mission since we last wrote, May 29/40:

Rev. J.H. Muhlhauser's Letter, May 19 & July 29/40
Rev. A.C. Eckel's Letter, July 26 & Aug. 25/40
—— do —— Correspondce. with the Col. Govt., Jan. to July/40
—— do —— Acct. Curr. June/40
Rev. J.J. Muhlhauser's Acct. Curt. Jan. to June/40
Mr. T. Gilbert's Letter June 30/40
Mr. L.H. Meerholz's Letter Aug. 13/40 & Journl. Jan. to Jun
Report of the several Schools &c. June/40

We remain, dear Brethren
Very truly yours
D. Coates

Church Miss^y House

Nov. 16. 1840

Rev R Panton

Dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of Aug. 14/40 the following communications from the Mission have reached us

Your Letter, July 16 & 18, Aug 20 & Sept 17/40
Correspond^ce on the subject of Ord^n of Catechists: June/40.
Circular to Miss^ry Catechists, & their Answers: May/40
Correspond^ce with Mr R Taylor, Apr/40; Mr Newman's Lett. Jan/40
Report from the several Stations: Dec/39 & Mar/40
Lett^r of Messrs [illegible], [illegible] to the J^t Secys [illegible]
Lett^r of Mr Müller, July/40 Sep 8/40, some add^l do, & Answ^rs to Circular
Mr & Mrs Newman, letter July 25/40, & Answer to Circular
Mr J [illegible] Lett^r, Sep 6/40.

2. You will readily believe that there is much in the communications above referred to which has given the Com^ee very great pain. They present a view of the state of the Mission to render it a matter of no small difficulty to the Com^ee to determine what course they ought to pursue. The whole subject is, however, under the careful consideration of the Com^ee & we shall probably be able to communicate to you their decision by the next or the following packet.

3. What the Revd W. K. Betts' communications to the Missionaries may have been we know not; but as our letter of Aug. 14th might be expected to reach you very soon after the despatch of yours of Sept 17th, you would be authentically put in possession of the decision of the Com^ee on the questions which have arisen between the Corr. Com^ee & Mr Betts. We hope that on duly considering the grounds on which the Com^ee decided the Corr Com^ee will not feel hurt or dissatisfied at the course which the Parent Com^ee have pursued. We shall hope to receive your reply to the letter of Aug. 14th by an early packet.

4. Mr & Mrs Newman reached London on the 11th Inst^t. They are both still very seriously indisposed.

5. We are unwilling to relinquish the hope that the Revd Mr J. Woodward would on further consideration place himself on such a footing with regard to the Corr: Comee as to render his return to this country unnecessary.

6. We enclose a copy of a letter from Mr G. Grant to the Revd F. E. [illegible], dated May 1840, complaining of the course pursued by the Corr. Comee relative to the [illegible]. The Comee direct that a copy of Mr G's letter should be forwarded to the Corr Com. & their attention called to its contents. You will have the goodness to furnish us with such information & explanations in reference to Mr G's letter as may put the Parent Comee fully in possession of the facts & merits of the case.

7. We also enclose copies of letters from Mr D. Sinclair to Mr R. Malcolm & Mr J. White to Mr Sinclair, complaining of the proceedings at Knockalva, transmitted to us by Mr W. Burge. To these also the Comee beg the attention of the Corr: Comee & such information & explanations as may enable the Comee correctly to represent the matter to Mr Burge.

8. Mr & Mrs Gillies reached London on the 7th of Septr. They subsequently proceeded to Liverpool, where they now are. His health seems to be somewhat improved.

9. We were sorry to learn from your last letter that you were suffering from indisposition. The approach of the cool season will, we trust, under the Divine blessing, prove conducive to the reestablishment of your health.

We remain,

Dear Sir,

Very truly Yours

Thomas Vores

D. Coates

Secs C.M.S.

Revd R. Panton

Church Missionary House

Nov. 30, 1840

Dear Sir,

1. We wrote to you by the last packet on the 16th Inst., of which letter a duplicate is enclosed. No communication from the Mission has reached us since that date.

2. The state of the Jamaica Mission & the course which the Comee may find it advisable to take are still under their consideration, the serious difficulties involved in the subject having hitherto prevented their coming to that mature judgment ~~of~~ on it which the case requires.

3. In our last letter we acknowledged a ~~de~~ letter direct from Mr Pollitt of Sept. [illegible]0/40. The object of that letter was to state Mr P's intention of availing himself of the regulation of Aug. 30/22 to return home at the stipulated period. It stated farther that his health was suffering, & on that ground he desired permission to return to this country immediately. We regret to add that in making these communications to the Comee Mr P. employed language in reference to the Corr. Comee which the Parent Comee could not but strongly disapprove. On the entire letter the Comee adopted the Resolution copied below. Mr Vores has by desire of the Comee replied to Mr Pollitt's letter, which is enclosed for your perusal, & which you will have the goodness immediately to forward to him.

4. In our last letter we enclosed a copy of a letter from Mr Guest to the Revd E. Bickersteth relative to proceedings on the Orchard Estate. He ~~has jus~~ on the 2nd instant addressed a letter to us direct on the same subject. We apprehend that Mr Guest must be under considerable misapprehension as to the course pursued by the Corr. Comee at the Orchard. We can only repeat the request contained in our last letter to be put fully in possession of the facts of the case at the earliest practicable period. We copy Mr Guest's letter below.

We remain,

Dear Sir,

Very truly yours,

Thomas Vores

D. Coates

Sec. C.M.S.

Mr J. Pollitt

Ch. M. House. Nov. 30. 1840.

My dear Mr. Pollitt. I have often read with much pleasure the accounts of your labours among the Maroons of Moore Town, and I have often prayed that God would abundantly bless your exertions among them. And I much wish that I had now no other duty than that of seeking to encourage you in your work. But alas! dear brother, I am constrained to take up another & a much less pleasing topic: and I must therefore beg you before you read the remainder of my letter, to pray that you may receive it in a Christian spirit. The Committee sanction your immediate return to England provided it be absolutely necessary for your health in the opinion of your medical adviser: otherwise they wish you to remain at your station, until they have decided their future course with regard to the Jamaica Mission, the whole of the circumstances of which are now under their consideration. And they have further directed me very seriously to admonish you on the extreme impropriety of some of your expressions in your letter of Sepr. 28th. In that letter you speak of "the duplicity, as well as the harsh and slanderous manner, in, and with which your European agents have been treated". I hope my brother that when you see them words written by another's hand, you will repent of having used them with a godly sorrow. Even for the sake of argument suppose that your statements are true, does that justify the aggrieved party in using such language. You know that we are not called to render evil for evil, or railing for railing, but contrariwise blessing. We who teach others, profess to be treading in the steps of that Saviour who when he was reviled reviled not again, when he suffered, he threatened not, but committed himself to him who judgeth righteously. It is one of the divine characteristics of the Gospel that it assigns to us our own personal duties, whatever may be the conduct of others towards us. If men treat us kindly we are to praise God, if unkindly our duties are not recrimination but long-suffering and meekness. And if we act otherwise we are guilty of sin. But what will you say if besides all this you have yourself mis-represented the Corr. Com? Let me beg you to lay the matter before God in prayer, and like Paul when he spake hastily against the high priest, you will, I doubt not, see and meekly confess that you have been wrong. With sincere prayers that God may grant you the Spirit of love and of a sound mind, I am, Dear Brother,

Yours &c faithfully. Thos Vores. Sec. C.M.S.

Revd C.W. Winckler

Church Missionary House
Dec. 30. 1840.

Dear Sir,

1. By this ship, the British Monarch, Captn. Park, we forward a Case of Books received from Basle. The Invoice & Bill of Lading are enclosed.

2. We also enclose the Church Missionary Record for the last 6 months, the contents of which will, we doubt not, much interest you. We have, indeed, much cause to bless God for what He is working, through the instrumentality of our Society, in our different Missions.

3. We have been much concerned to find that discussions of a painful nature have arisen between the Corr. Comee & some members of the Mission. The whole state of the Mission is under the careful consideration of the Comee; & we trust they may be able to adopt such measures as may be conducive at once to the comfort of the Missionaries & the efficiency of the Mission - In order to such a result however there must be a cordial disposition on all sides not unduly to press individual opinion or feelings. May the needful grace for that purpose be given to all!

We remain,

Dear Sir,

Very truly Yours

D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Revd R Panton

Church Missionary House,
Jan 1, 1841.

Dear Sir,

1. We wrote to you by Packet Nov. 30/40, & now enclose a copy of that letter & its enclosure. No communication from the Mission has reached us since we last wrote.

2. It was a serious disappointment to the Comee not yet to have heard from you in reply to our letter of Aug. 14/40. You are aware from our former letters that the circumstances of the Jamaica Mission are under their serious consideration in reference to the painful state of things which has grown up between the Cor. Comee & the Missionaries. A reply to that letter would probably have materially assisted the Comee in their deliberations. We earnestly hope to hear from you by the Packet due on the 26th ult. which is not yet in.

3. One of the points on which the Comee have felt that they have not definite information is the Stations actually occupied by the Society, & the circumstances dependant thereupon. Have the goodness therefore to transmit to us by the earliest Packet after this reaches you a distinct reply to the following queries:-

(1) What Stations are now occupied by the Society, with the name of the Station & the parish wherein situated?

(2) The name of the Individual by whom each Station is occupied, distinguishing whether Missionary or Catechist, & whether European Creole or Colored.

(3) A List of the Stations formerly occupied by the Society, but now vacant, stating how long each has been so, its name, & the parish in which it is situated.

(4) The progress of each building the erection of which was aided by a Government Grant, & the period at which it can be relied on with certainty that each will be finished.

(5) Whether any Government Grant to the Jamaica Mission remains unappropriated.

(6) A List of the Stations occupied by the Society the erection of the buildings at which was not aided by Government Grants; with the name of the property & the parish in which it is situated.

(7) A List of residences the state of which, either from the erection ~~not~~ being not completed or from being out of repair, renders them unfit residences for a Miſsionary or Catechist without danger to his health.

4. In considering the communications received from the Miſsion the attention of the Comee has been strongly drawn to the want of due repairs in the house occupied by Mr Pollitt at Moore Town. The Comee fear that his health may have suffered from this cause, & that it may have also contributed to excite that state of feeling with regard to the Cor. Comee which is indicated in some of Mr Pollitt's communications. We trust that this cause of diſsatisfaction has ere this been removed. In case it should not the Comee earnestly request that no time may be lost either in repairing Mr P's present residence or in placing him in another in a good state of repair. The Comee preſs this point more strongly from their solicitude that Mr P. should on no account quit his Station until they have decided on the future course respecting the Miſsion, unleſs, as intimated in the Resolution transmitted in our last letter, the state of his health, in the judgment of his medical adviser, renders his return to England absolutely neceſsary.

5. The Comee farther request that no time may be lost in transmitting to us the Annual Returns of the Miſsion to the 31st ult & the Account Current of the Miſsion to the same period. They also wish that the Quarterly Journals should be forwarded to them by Mail the first opportunity that offers after they reach you. The expence of postage will indeed be something considerable. This however may be much diminished by omitting all waste paper & by enclosing them in an envelope as thin as is consistent with their safe transmiſsion.

We remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours

(3)

D. Coates
Sec. CMS.

Revd R. Panton

Church Missionary House,
Feb. 1, 1841.

Dear Sir,

1. We wrote to you on the 1st ult., a duplicate of which letter is enclosed. Since that date the following communications from the Mission have reached us:-

Your Letter, Nov. 20/40.
Correspondce with Mr J. Pollitt Oct./40.
— Do — relative to the return of Revd J.W. Woodcock
Further Correspondce with Revd J.W. Woodcock, & the other Enclosures.
Mr J. Pollitt's Letter, Nov. 20/40.

2. The communications which we have just acknowledged are of a very painful nature. Messrs Woodcock & Pollitt are not yet arrived. The Comee therefore postpone entering on the consideration of these papers till they shall have had an opportunity of communicating with them. We cannot however abstain from expressing our deep concern at the strain of Mr Woodcock's letters to you.

3. In reference to your Letter of Nov. 20/40 the Comee on the 12th ~~inst~~ ult. adopted the following Resolution:-

"That the Corr. Comee be apprised that the state of the Jamaica Mission is under the careful consideration of the Comee, & that it is probable that some material alteration may be made in the manner of carrying it on; & that it is the earnest wish of the Comee that the Corr. Comee would continue in the administration of the affairs of the Mission until the Comee shall be in a situation to lay before them the arrangements which they may deem it adviseable to adopt."

The complicated state of things in the Mission & the solicitude of the Comee to form their conclusion with a due regard to the merits of the question in reference to all parties interested have unavoidably delayed their decision upon the various matters referred to them. Their judgment however is now matured upon it & only waits the conformation of the Genl Comee. You may therefore fully expect the transmission of it by the next Mail. We trust therefore that our friends will, in accordance with the Resolution now transmitted, continue in the administration of the affairs of the Mission. We also encourage the hope that the course which the Comee contemplate for the future government of the Mission will approve itself to the judgment of the Cor Comee & secure to the Society their continued cooperation in the prosecution of its objects in Jamaica.

4. We have paid to the Revd W.K. Betts £43.0.6 & to Mr Withy £68.8.0 agreeably to the request contained in your last letter.

5. We are grieved to learn that the Revd H L Dixon's health has failed. May it please God to restore & preserve it & to continue his valuable services to the Mission! The principles & feelings which pervades ~~at~~ his letter to you of the 15th Novr were a real refreshment to our minds, & the more so from the strong contrast in which they stand to too many of the communications which have lately reached us from the Mission. The Comee deeply sympathize with Mr Dixon in the painful alternative to which he was we fear reduced, either to quit the people to whom he was bound by the strong ties of pastoral affection, or to sacrifice his health. We think it clear however that it would be his duty to use without hesitation the means of health which his Medical adviser may prescribe whatever they may be before his health is too deeply affected to be recovered even a visit to England for its reestablishment might be often

without involving a final separation from his beloved charge.

6. The Comm^e regret to observe from your last letter that the Station of Salt Savannah was relinquished. They feel under such peculiar obligations to Mr J.B. Wildman to provide for that Station that they request the Corr Comm^ee to take measures for the re-occupation of it without delay. As Mr W. Ashby appeared to be going on satisfactorily & to be acceptable to the people, the desirable course appears to be that he should return to the Station. Due provision however must be made for a proper residence for the person stationed there.

We remain, Dear Sir
Very truly Yours
Thomas Vores.
D. Coates
Sec^y CMS

P.S. Since the above was written Messrs Woodcock & Pollitt have reached London.

Revd R. Panton.

Church Missionary House,
Feb: 17, 1841.

My dear Sir,

1. We wrote to you on the 1st Inst by Packet, of which Letter a duplicate is enclosed.

2. By this Ship, the "Lady Sarah Bayley," we enclose the usual Publications to the present date. I regret to observe that the number of CM Records has for some time been through mistake reduced. The deficient numbers shall be supplied in our next Shipment. Be so good as to circulate the copies immediately. The Invoice & Bill of Lading are enclosed.

3. I do not enter on the general affairs of the Mission, as I purpose to write on these subjects by packet on the 1st prox.

I remain, My dear Sir,
Very truly Yours
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Revd. Messrs. Muhlhauser & Eckel

Church Missionary House,
March 1, 1841.

Dear Brethren,

1. We wrote to you on the 3rd of Nov. & have now to acknowledge the following communications from the Mission:—

Revd. J. G. Muhlhauser's Letters, Nov. 17 & 20/40, Jan. 6 & 11/41.
Revd. A. C. Eckel, Jan 10/41.
Mr. J. E. Hawkins to Arch. Parry, Jan. 10/41.
Reports of the different Schools to Dec. /40.
Revd. J. G. Muhlhauser's Acct. Current, Dec. 1840.

2. We regret that we have not yet been able to take the judgment of the Comtee. relative to the Ordination of Messrs. Gilbert & Hawkins. The course pursued by them on the subject is such as give us much pain. On a reference to the Committee's Instructions to them & to our Letter to you of Oct. 8/38 it will be perceived that no expectation whatever was held out to them of admission to Holy Orders. We cannot therefore but regard Mr. Gilbert's having taken so decided a step in reference to Ordination without the previous sanction of the Comtee. as seriously blameworthy. If Mr. Hawkins has not done the same it would appear from his Letter to Archd. Cummins of Jan. 10/41 that it was from no regard to his obligation to the Society, but merely from the state of his health. This surely is a line of conduct on the part of these friends deeply to be regretted. The decision to which you came in the case of Mr. G. is one which the Comtee. will, we anticipate

approve. However just occasion the Comee may have to complain of the conduct of Messrs G. & H. in this matter, it is not improbable that having to adjudicate upon it as it stands, they will not deem it advisable to dissolve their connexion with Messrs G. & H. on account of their proceedings; but will be disposed to make such arrangements as may bring their future services most advantageously to bear on the religious instruction of the people in the District which forms the sphere of the Mission. We say in the Mission District already occupied by the Society, because it is clear from the Letter before us that it rather needs the addition of other labourers than the withdrawal of any now employed in it. We are, moreover, assured by persons well informed on the subject that the Stations to which it is proposed to transfer Messrs G. & H. are in very insalubrious situations, while the District of South Naparima, in addition to its claims ~~on~~ from its spiritual destitution, is the most healthy part of the Island. We cannot doubt that the Bishop of Barbados will himself feel the force of these considerations when pointed out to him. We recommend therefore that you should address his Lordship on the subject, urging as strongly as you can the religious wants of South Naparima & expressing your expectation that the Comee of the Church Missionary Society will continue them at suitable Stations in the District in which they have hitherto been situated. We add no more at present as we hope to communicate to you the decision of the Comee by the next Packet.

We remain, Dear Brethren,
Very truly Yours.

D. Coates
Secy CMS

Church Missionary House
March 15, 1841.

Revd R Panton

My dear Sir,

1. No communication from you has reached us since the despatch of our Letter of Feb. 1/41, of which a duplicate was sent by the "Lady Sarah Bayley," Feb. 17th.

2. The Comee have not yet decided on their future course respecting the Mission. The truth is the points on which they have to deliberate are so numerous & so complicated by statements & counterstatements that it is exceedingly difficult to get that clear & certain view of facts & circumstances on which alone a right & safe conclusion can rest. On some matters connected with the Mission we can now write.

3. In par. 6 of our Letter of Feb 1st we explained our views relative to the retention of Salt Savannah as one of the Society's Stations. Since that letter was despatched the Comee have adopted the following Resolution on the subject:—

> "That the views of the Comee as to their obligation to retain Salt Savannah as a Station be explained to the Jamaica Corr. Comee; & that they be strongly recommended to replace Mr Nathan Ashby there if practicable".

4. The Comee have also had under their consideration a Letter addressed to them by Mr H. Taylor, Nov 15/40, relative to the decision of the Comee respecting his ordination contained in the Resolution of Aug. 4/40 & par. 15 of our Letter of Aug. 14/40 transmitting that Resolution. On this occasion they recorded the following Minute & adopted the following Resolutions:—

Comee of Correspondce Feb. 2/41.

Read Mr H. Taylor's Letter of Nov. 15/40, the Minute & Resolution of this Comee of Aug. 29/37 respecting Mr Taylor, the Resolution of this Comee Sept. 19/37, the Lay Secretary's Letter to Mr Taylor, Sep

March 15/41 Revd R Panton

37, & Mr Taylor's Letter to the Lay Sec, Sept. 1837.

Resolved, That it is clear from the abovementioned Minutes, Resolution, & Letter that it was the uniform view of the Comee that Mr Taylor should be employed in the capacity of ~~Teacher~~ Catechist only.

Resolved, That the Comee do not deem it advisable to promote Mr Taylor's admission to Holy Orders; but that they are willing that he should continue to prosecute his labours in connexion with the Society as a Catechist, if he can do so with satisfaction to his own mind.

The views of the Comee on Mr Taylor's case on this renewed consideration of it, are so clearly expressed in the foregoing Resolutions that we need add nothing to them.

5. The course of the Comee with regard to the Revd W. J. Woodcock & Mr Pollett is undecided.

6. We are earnestly looking for the Account Current of the Mission for the year 1840 & the Returns of it for the same period. The delay in the transmission of the ~~Journals~~ Reports of the Missionaries & Catechists is very inconvenient. The latest received are those for the quarter ending March 31/40 — very nearly twelve months back.

7. In some of the communications addressed to the Comee it is represented that the Treasurer on issuing a Bill to a Missionary — we presume to remit to this country on his private account — charges a commission for drawing the Bill. Mention is also made of a charge for paper — The last particular is quite unintelligible. The first probably refers to the Treasurer's carrying the premium on the Bill to the credit of the Society. However, it may be well that you should explain what the facts really are.

8. On other points we must postpone writing till the decision of the Comee is taken on the general question respecting the Mission.

We remain, My dear Sir,
Very truly Yours
Thomas Vores.
D. Coates

Church Missionary House,

Revd Messrs Muhlhauser & Eckel

March 15, 1841.

Dear Brethren,

1. No communication from the Mission has reached us since the despatch of our Letter of the 1st Inst., of which a duplicate is enclosed.

2. We have brought your communications relative to the ordination of Messrs Gilbert & Hawkins under the consideration of the Com^ee since we last wrote, & our Letter to you of the 1st Inst. That Letter the Com^ee approve, & the course suggested in it you will therefore consider as directed by them.

3. The Com^ee have also directed that a Letter should be addressed to the Bishop of Barbados explaining the state of the Trinidad Mission, & the views of the Com^ee that in the event of Messrs Gilbert & Hawkins being admitted to Holy Orders by him they should be stationed as heretofore in South Naparima to carry forward the religious instruction of the people of that District. While therefore the Com^ee cannot but strongly disapprove of the course pursued by Messrs Gilbert & Hawkins respecting ordination without their previous sanction, they are willing for the sake of the Mission to acquiesce in this change in their character, provided their services are still given to the Society's Stations already occupied in South Naparima.

4. The details given by Mr Muhlhauser of the progress of the Mission since your landing in Trinidad in March 1836, only just five years ago, were very satisfactory to the Com^ee, & show that in the midst of many difficulties & much discouragement, the Lord has been with you of a truth & has prospered the work of your hands. May this blessing be vouchsafed to you both & to all associated with you in increased measure!

5. Mr Redford has applied to the Com^ee to allow the expences of his the freight to London of the books & other property left behind him in Trinidad. [illegible] Mr Eckel probably [illegible]

to an account of its amount. It is indeed we fear likely to be large; but as Mr R. will probably join the West Africa Mission, & the books prove useful to him there, the Comtee have agreed to pay the freight.

6. Mr Redford has mentioned to us that some Spanish Books obtained from the Tract Society for his private use have been disposed of, & some Curiosities which he had collected given to the Bishop of Barbados. Now while we are of opinion that you were fully warranted in applying to the use of the Mission the tracts sent out by the Tract Society, or anything else left behind by Mr Redford belonging to the Society calculated to be useful in the Mission, we do not conceive that articles of his private property of whatever description, could with propriety be disposed of without his previous consent. Mr Eckel will perhaps explain the reasons which induced him to make that disposal of the articles in question of which Mr Redford complains, & as it would seem not unreasonably.

Assuring you of our constant sympathy & prayers,
We remain, Dear Brethren
Very truly Yours

Thomas Vores.
D. Coates
Secy. CMS

Church Missionary House Salisbury Square London
March 15th 1841.

Bp of Barbados

My Lord. I am directed by the Committee to address a letter to your Lordship on the state of the Society's Mission in Trinidad, and on the proposed ordination of Messrs. Gilbert and Hawkins. I know not how to present to your Lordship the promising condition of the mission better than by transcribing an extract from a letter of [illegible] Sanfernando Muhlhauser dated, Jan 6. 1841:

"In the year 1836 there was neither Church nor Chap school nor Schoolhouse, save a Methodist Chapel in this to There was no Sunday in a certain sense: there was ind a spiritual wilderness. In 1841 we count one Church almost finished, which cost us about 11,000 Dollars; we have one large school-room with two schools: we have a Chapel-school in Belmont, one on Jordan Hill, one in Ne plus ultra, a school-house on Mount Stewart, another one in Point à Pierre; and one Chapel-school, and school-house now building. In 1836 there was no scholar:- in 1841 there are 7 schools and 350 scholars In 1836 I counted from 2 to 15 at Church at Sanfernand in 1841 the number of attendants is not less than between ~~five~~ six and seven hundred. In 1836 we had no Negro Communicants; now they amount to between 50 and 60. In 1836 I married the first couple of apprenticed labourers that so far as I know were ever married in this Island.

According to my Register of marriages there were
in 1836 - 1
1837 - 3
1838 - 7
1839 - 15
1840 - 29. all persons of colour or negroes.

The Sabbath day is also much better observed than it used to be. Formerly it was a day of business or revelry: now wherever we have established ourselves these things are done away."

Mr. Muhlhauser also gives a very interesting acco of his church at Sanfernando which your Lordship kindly proposed to consecrate this very month. The Committee were much gratified by these state and feel very desirous, if possible, of carrying on their mission in Trinidad. But in order to accomplish this object they must appeal to your Lordship's kindness. They have been informed that you propose to ordain Messrs Gilbert and Hawkins, and they will be very glad to learn that those gentlemen have been approved and admitted to Holy Orders by your Lordship. But at the same time the Committee feel that the services of them both are greatly needed in the District of South Naparima, and it is not in the power of the Committee to send other catechists from England to supply their place. The Committee therefore venture respectfully to solicit that your Lordship will sanction their return to South Naparima to labour as ordained Missionaries in connection with the Society under your Lordship's licence.

I have the honor to be, My Lord,

Your very humble and obedient servant

Thos. Vores. Sec. C.M.S.

C.M. House
Apr. 5/41.

Bp. of Jamaica

My Lord

Our Comm.ttee of Correspondence have just adopted a series of important Resolutions respecting our Jamaica Mission, one of which recommends communication with your Lordship on some of the points contained in the Resolutions. These Resolutions cannot be considered as finally adopted

Bp. of Jamaica, April 5/41

until they shall have been
confirmed by the Gen. Comtee
at their next meeting on
the 12th Inst. Understanding
however that your Lordship
intends to leave England by
the next Packet, I venture
to suggest that if it
should be compatible with
your convenience to attend
the Comm. of Correspondence at
their meeting to-morrow,

at one o'Clock, some very
advantageous communication
might take place relative
to the mission, though not
so decisively as if the Resolution
in question had been
already confirmed. It is
certainly highly important
that your Lordship should
be apprised of the general
nature of the measures
contemplated by the

Comtee relative to the
Jamaica mission before
your departure.

I remain
Your Lordship's
faithful servt.
D. Coates

Church Missionary House,
April 13, 1841.

Bp. of Jamaica

My Lord,

The General Committee having yesterday confirmed the Resolutions of the Committee of Correspondence respecting the Jamaica Mission which were read to your Lordship when you had the goodness to attend their meeting on the 6th Inst., we enclose a copy of them for your information by direction of the Committee. It afforded the Committee strong satisfaction to learn from your Lordship that the course taken in those Resolutions on points of a non-ecclesiastical nature for the future administration of the affairs of the Mission was considered by your Lordship suited to the state of the Mission & of the Island, & that you were willing to employ your kind offices in carrying out the Resolutions by affording your cooperation in those parts of the plan mainly dependant for their success on such assistance from the Bishop of the Diocese. Thus encouraged by your Lordship's countenance & cooperation the Committee trust that the affairs of the Mission may be placed on a footing to promote its efficiency & harmonious working during the term for which the operations of the Society may be further continued in Jamaica.

The points which were mentioned to your Lordship, and in reference to which the Committee earnestly solicit your kind offices are the following:—

(1) The disposal of the Ordained Missionaries. There are now five: Rev. Messrs Dixon, Winkler, Assing, Ashby, & Forbes. The Committee submit to your Lordships consideration the expediency of appointing them at as early a period as practicable Island Curates, should they be disposed to concur in such an arrangement. The Stations which they occupy are the following:

Rev. M.L. Dixon, Alvah, St Elizabeth's
Rev. W. Forbes, Mount Vernon do
Rev. C.W. Winkler, Knockalva, Hanover
Rev J.F. Assing, Birnam Wood, St Georges
Rev. W. Ashby, Rural Hill, St Thomas in the East

These Stations are well situated we believe with regard to considerable portions of the enfranchised populations and might probably be advantageously transferred into parochial districts. In this way they would fall into the ecclesiastical arrangements of the Diocese. This is an issue to which the Committee have always looked forward as the proper result in due season of the Society's operations in the Island. In this part of their plan therefore the Committee confidently anticipate your Lordships' being able to render them early assistance.

(2) The next particular is the disposal of the Unordained Teachers. Of these there are three who were sent out from this country:—

Messrs Manning
Cork
Taylor

There are beside these about twelve whose services have been engaged in the Island by the Corresponding Committee. These are of different classes and are in possession of different qualifications & attainments. With regard to these the Committee would beg to suggest to your Lordship's consideration whether any of them are qualified for admission to Holy Orders. Should they be so, and your Lordship deem it advisable to admit them thereto, both of which points rest entirely with you to decide, they might then be disposed of by your Lordship's means as the former class. That is as Island Curates, their Stations becoming parochial districts. With regard to those ineligible for admission to Holy Orders your Lordship might possibly be able to provide for them from funds at your disposal for educational purposes, themselves & their Schools in such cases passing from the Society to your Lordship;

(3.) The third head is the disposal of the Buildings at the Stations relinquished by the Society the erection of which was aided by Parliamentary grants. These the Committee feel bound to keep in connexion with our own Church; and it is their desire to do so through the medium of your Lordship. They are therefore prepared at once to transfer these Buildings to your Lordship, in case your Lordship is prepared to occupy them according to the conditions on which the Government Grants were received by the Committee. By this transfer a large pecuniary sacrifice will be made by the Society, as the largest part of the expense of the erection of the Buildings was provided for out of the Society's funds, and in some instances the property on which they stand was purchased from the same funds. The Committee trust therefore that your Lordship may be willing to repay the Committee a part at least of the sums thus expended by them. This money the Comtee are willing on their part to expend in the Island on those Stations which they may yet for a time continue to hold.

The transfer of these Buildings is of course dependent on the sanction of Government, for which the Committee have, as you are aware, directed us to apply.

(4) The remaining point on which we were to communicate with your Lordship is the Normal School at the Grove. This the Committee purpose for the present to maintain. Its importance we know that your Lordship fully appreciates. We are happy to say the Committee have the prospect of engaging the services in this country of an efficient Master. The general superintendence of the School it is intended to place in the hands of the Rev. R. Panton. This duty his location on the Island Curacy to which your Lordship has presented him will enable him very conveniently to perform. It is also proposed that Mr. Panton should be directly charged with the higher departments of the School: the training the minds of the Youths in religion and their theological studies. For these duties we believe Mr. P. to be well qualified, and trust that under the Divine Blessing his labours in connexion with the School will be found greatly conducive to the preparation of really useful Religious Teachers for the Coloured population of the Island.

It is the view of the Committee that the School should no longer be limited to the training of Youths for the Society's purposes, but open to any to be subsequently employed in connexion with our own Church. Should your Lordship therefore be desirous to place any Youths there it will be open to their [illegible], at a charge not exceeding the [illegible] of their maintenance. They — would of course be subject to the same examination previously to admission as other students and to the Rules of the School as others afterward admission

We have thus explained the views of the Committee as to the assistance which they are solicitous to obtain from your Lordship in the present state of the Mission, and which you have kindly allowed them to hope you may in a greater or less degree be able to render

Aware as your Lordship is of the difficulties in which the Mission has lately been involved the Committee trust that your influence on returning to your Diocese may conduce to the harmonious and efficient working of the Mission under the arrangements recently made by the Committee for that end.

Hoping that your Lordship may experience a prosperous voyage and enjoy much of the Divine Blessing in your labours on behalf of the important Diocese committed to your charge,

We remain,
With much respect
Your Lordship's
Most obedient Servants

Thomas Vores.
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Secy. C.M.S.

Revd H. L. Dixon

Church Missionary House
April 15th 1841

My dear Brother Dixon

You are doubtless aware that the Jamaica Mission has of la been occupying much of the attention of the Parent Committee. They have at last a series of Resolutions for its future management, one of which directs that a Circula Letter should be addressed by the Clerical Secretary to all the Missionaries & Catechists. In accordance with this Resolution I ~~would~~ will now communicate to you as the Secretary the wishes & feelings of the Committee with the request that you will kindly arrange that this Letter may be seen by all the Members of the Mission.

The painful state of things which has of late arisen in the Jamaica has occasioned the Parent Committee the most lively concern. Where once there every prospect of an abundant spiritual harvest, there division, defection, & have unhappily entered, & threatened to destroy in a great measure the promise of future usefulness. The Parent Committee watch over the Missions the management of which has by the providence of God been committed to their care, with the interest: & their sorrow was proportionate to their previous anticipations. They are thankful to know that some were kept in meekness & humility & charity: & as regards the rest they would never be forgetful of the great truth that the corruption of our nature doth remain in them that are regenerate. They are therefore disposed to confine themselves to an expression of their deep regret as regards the past: but as to the I am directed to express their earnest hope that the arrangements now made will restore a good understanding & prove satisfactory to both parties, so that both Missionaries & Ca prosecuting their important labours with renewed vigour & alacrity may through the Divine blessing find those labours rendered increasingly conducive to the spiritual profit & social improvement of the people of their charge.

Allow me dear Brother to press upon you all with all humility but with all affection to the Mission & all the Brethren in it, the solemn duty of prayerfully endeavour ing to realize their hopes. The Committee desire, the Mission requires, your Lord & Master demands these endeavours at your hands. The Committee deserve it. They have in vestigated the whole subject with a patience & candour that have called forth my admiration. & when they have come prayerfully to a decision — after oft repeated & deliberations what is the duty of the Missionary? The power to decide must be lodged somewhere. It cannot be conceded to each individual Member of the Church. In this particular case the providence of God has assigned the power thus to decide to the Parent Committee. To them belongs the [illegible]

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But last & what is most important of all, that God & Saviour whose ye are, bought by his blood & whom ye serve, sanctified by his Spirit demands this of you. He has been pleased, & a wonderful mark it is of the divine teaching of the Bible, to enjoin our duties, irrespective of the real or supposed behaviour of others to us. He has forbidden us to judge others. He has commanded us to forgive as we hope to be forgiven. He has also given us a new Commandment that we love one another: the characteristic mark by which men shall know that we are his disciples. Now as it seems to me it is impossible that you can obey these commandments if you refuse cordial cooperation with the Resolutions of the Parent Committee. In no other way can you be practically all of one mind, doing & saying the same thing. If you refuse, it must be either because you judge others, refuse to forgive, or are wanting in that love which beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. But you will not refuse when the [illegible] you will [illegible] yet cheerfully work together as one man

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laid down by the Com^ee for the future government of the Miſsion with regard to its ecclesiastical affairs must under God depend on the dispositions of both these parties thus to cooperate. After matters had proceeded to the extent to which in some respects they have been carried it is clear that some conceſsions of opinion – some sacrifice of feeling – will be absolutely neceſsary on both sides to retrieve the Miſsion from its present difficulties, & to ensure its future prosperity. In making a demand like this the Com^ee have strong encouragements to hope it will not be made in vain, because the appeal is made on either hand to a body of Christian men deeply feeling the obligation to promote to the utmost of their power the "furtherance of the Gospel" among the enfranchised Negroes, & both alive to the peril to which this deeply important Miſsion will be exposed by their division & alienation of affections, and the occasion which would be given thereby "to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme". The Com^ee therefore earnestly hope & entreat that both the Corr. Com^ee & Miſsionaries will enter on the consideration of the Resolutions of the Parent Com^ee under the full influence of these considerations, & will cordially combine their influence & exertions in carrying them into effect.

4. In July 1839 the Com^ee were led by the then financial situation of the Society to adopt a Resolution with a view to the gradual relinquishment of the operations of the Society in the West Indies as an unsuitable sphere to be permanently occupied. The circumstances in which the Miſsion is now placed have led the Com^ee to conclude that the period is arrived when some positive measures are rendered unavoidable in prosecution of the course laid down in that Resolution. At the same time the Com^ee do not propose immediately to relinquish the Miſsion. These views form the subject of the first Resolution & will constitute the fundamental principle of the Committee's proceedings with regard to the Miſsion during the period for which it may henceforth be continued.

5. In accordance with that principle the second Resolution decides on making no additions to the Miſsion from this country with two exceptions: 1. A Master for the Normal School; & 2. an ordained Miſsionary, under very special circumstances. The last exception was made that the Com^ee might not absolutely preclude themselves from providing from hence for a particular exigency in the Miſsion, should such an exigency arise & they have the means of doing so; but the probability is that the exception will not be acted upon.

6. The same principle has led the Comee in the third Resolution to on the final relinquishment of all Stations heretofore occupied by the Society, an which cannot be efficiently maintained in accordance with that principle. An exc is made in favor of Salt Savannah, for which, as we have already apprised you, th Comee feel especially bound to provide.

7. The fourth Resolution directs the manner in which the buildings bel ing to the Society in a Station relinquished are to be disposed of.

8. The fifth Resolution directs an application to the Colonial for his sanction to the transfer of Stations the buildings on which were erecte with or aided by a Parliamentary Grant.

9. The sixth & five following Resolutions provide for the future lo administration of the affairs of the Mission. The considerations adverted to in the for part of the sixth Resolution rendered a change in this respect, in the judgment of the Comee, unavoidable. In making it they were guided on one hand by the desire to make the best practicable arrangement for the efficient & harmonious working of the Mission, & on the other by a solicitude not to wound the feelings of those frien who constitute the present Corr. Comee. They conceived that the geographical circum stances of the Island, combined with the manner in which the residences of the mem of the Corr. Comee are spread over it, had demonstrated the impracticability of advantageously working the Mission by means of one Comee. To these circumstance fact, the origin of the present state of the Mission is, we believe, mainly to be attrib An attempt to obviate the inconveniences traceable to this source was made in the Resolutions adopted by the Comee on your return to the Island. Experience, howev has shewn that the arrangements then made were insufficient for that purpose. Th Comee therefore saw no alternative but to dissolve the existing Corr. Comee & to form distinct Corr. Committees, one for the Western, & the other for the Eastern portion of th Island. It appeared, too, to the Comee that they should best provide for the futu welfare of the Mission by making the two new Committees small bodies in point of They were farther of opinion that it would be the most convenient course to all parti nominate the two new Committees from hence. The sixth Resolution therefore def districts which are to form the sphere of the respective Corr. Committees operations, secondly nominates the individuals whom the Comee earnestly hope will be kin

[illegible]. By this arrangement the services of some members of the present Com^ee are relinquished. They rely however on the Christian kindness of the friends [illegible] services in this capacity they forego to believe that their decision was solely dictated by the necessity of shaping their course in the manner above described, as that best calculated to meet the actual circumstances of the Mission. In taking this course the Com^ee have in the eighth Resolution recorded the grateful sense which they entertain of the great personal sacrifices at which the members of the Corr. Com^ee have, some of them for a long course of years, rendered to the Society. They also earnestly solicit the individuals nominated on the new Committees to continue their services to the Society as members of those bodies. Indeed it is obvious that unless these friends are prepared then to continue their cooperation with the Parent Com^ee, it will be impracticable for them to carry into execution those measures which after mature deliberation they are persuaded are the best fitted of any within their reach to administer the affairs of the Mission to the efficiency & comfort of all parties concerned. The Com^ee further in the Resolution now under notice, earnestly solicit the continuance of the friendly offices of those members of the present Com^ee who are not nominated on the new Committees in their several localities, in furtherance of the Society's objects.

10. The duties of the Honorary & General Secretaries respectively are so distinctly stated in the tenth & eleventh Resolutions as to need little remark from us. We may state, however, that this distribution of duties has been assigned on the same principle that has governed the Com^ee throughout - to promote the effective & harmonious working of the Mission & the convenience of the parties on whom the duties in question are devolved. We trust that the arrangement thus made for the business of the Mission, together with that in the subsequent Resolutions, will, under the Divine blessing, accomplish the views of the Com^ee, if you & the other friends named kindly take that part in the general arrangement which is severally assigned to you.

11. The twelfth Resolution relates to the Normal School, the efficiency of which the Com^ee are still most earnestly desirous to promote. They therefore intend to send out a master from this country capable of placing it on such a footing as it ought to be placed in order to answer the purposes for which it is established. We have the satisfaction [illegible] that we have an Individual in view, who we are led to believe is fully equal

12. You will perceive from the latter part of the Resolution under whi that the Comee contemplate the engagement of your services more particularly in conn with the Normal School. This is indeed a point to which they attach much importa They look to the Master to be sent out from this country for all the details of the School & for rendering it completely efficient for the training Masters. Adverting however, to its leading object - the preparing & sending forth religious Teachers - feel that something more is requisite than a mere training Master for educatio purposes can be expected to supply. It is the forming the religious character of the youths in the Institution, & the taking charge of their theological studies. These services which are suitable to your character as a Clergyman, & are indeed indispe to the success of the Institution in sending forth a body of sincerely pious, simple minded, intelligent, steady, & well qualified Teachers into the different parts of the Island. Besides these specific duties it is the view of the Comee that you should exercise a general superintendence & direction over the whole establishment, so th the whole may be so conducted as shall be best calculated fully to attain the of its formation.

13. We scarcely need point out the very great importance of collecting a number as may be of youths who are in all respects hopeful. We do not th that the Institution should now be limited to the Stations of the Society; though it be to Members of our own Church. Should therefore the Bishop wish to place in Institution any youths to be subsequently employed more immediately in conn with himself, as we think it not improbable that he may, they should if practi be received & placed on the same footing with those directly connected with the Soci The same also with regard to youths who may be presented from any other q who are subsequently to be employed in Schools connected with our Church. It mu however be clearly understood with regard to all such that they will be admissibl only after examination & approval of the Corr. Comee of the district, & will be su to the regulations of the Institution precisely in the same manner with those yo directly connected with the Society.

14. The Thirteenth Resolution discontinues the office of Treasurer Corr. Comee. This follows as a natural consequence of the altered circumst reorganization of the Mission. In making this change care must be [illegible]

ment be allowed for a limited period.

15. The fourteenth & fifteenth Resolutions substitute the agency of Messrs. Paley, Sewell, & Co for the Treasurership. The manner in which this arrangement is to be carried into effect is so fully stated in the Resolution that we need not enlarge on it. You will have the goodness to communicate immediately with Messrs. Paley, Sewell, & Co. They will transmit their Account Current to us periodically through you, after being duly audited, in the same manner as they do to the Revd. J. M. Trew with regard to that of the Mico Commissioners.

16. The sixteenth Resolution suggests the places of meeting of each Corr. Comee & requires no particular remark.

17. The seventeenth Resolution directs that a Circular Letter be addressed to the Missionaries & Catechists with a view to influence them cordially to concur in the arrangements which have now been made for the future administration of the affairs of the Mission. So will a good understanding be restored in those quarters wherein it has been interrupted, & their important labours be prosecuted with renewed vigour & alacrity. And thus may those labours be expected to be rendered, through the Divine blessing, increasingly conducive to the spiritual profit & improvement of the people. A Letter, as directed, will be transmitted by this Mail to the Revd. H. L. C. Dixon, as Senior Missionary, by the Revd F. Vores. A copy of it is enclosed for the information of yourself & the Corr. Comee.

18. The eighteenth Resolution directs that a communication should be entered into with the Lord Bishop of Jamaica in reference to the measures embraced in the Resolutions now transmitted. The object of this proceeding was to engage his cooperation in carrying certain of those Resolutions into effect. The satisfactory attainment of the end proposed in them must be dependent on such cooperation being afforded by his Lordship. As the Bishop left London on his return to Jamaica on the 13th Inst. the Comee of Correspondence invited his attendance at their meeting on the 6th Inst., which invitation his Lordship kindly accepted. The Resolutions were then read to the Bishop, & the points on which his cooperation was sought by the Comee were pointed out, though nothing definitive could be settled the Resolutions not having then received the confirmation of the General Committee. It was extremely satisfactory to the Comee to find that the Bishop was of opinion that the course adopted by them in the Resolutions in question [illegible] adapted to the state of the Island & the Mission. The Bishop also very

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kindly expressed his willingness to assist the Commee in those points to which his a was called so far as he should be able. Since the confirmation of the Minutes a has been addressed to the Bishop explanatory of their views on the points which we orally brought under his notice, a copy of which is enclosed for your information of the two Corr. Committees. The Bishop at the same time strongly expressed h approbation of the services of the Missionaries & Catechists of the Society in his Dio & of the value which he attached to the continuance of them.

19. We have now laid before you the decision of the Commee with regard course to be hereafter taken in the Mission & the considerations by which they have guided in coming to that decision. We cannot conclude without reiterating our entreaty that both you & the other friends to whom the administration affair the Mission is now confided will kindly undertake the duties assigned to you, & to the obligations conferred by past services, a zealous cooperation in carrying in effect the arrangements which after the most full & mature deliberation appeared Commee requisite for the welfare of the Mission, & the harmony & comfort of all parties concerned in carrying it on. May it please the "God of all grace" to give blessing to the arrangements which have been made, that they may indeed issue glory of His Name, & the wide & large diffusion of the light & grace of the Gospel enfranchised population of the Island at this important crisis of its history.

20. We enclose the Resolutions adopted by the Commee respecting the Re Messrs Betts & Woodcock, & Messrs Pollitt & Newman. The Bishop of Jamaica offered Mr B the appointment of Island Curate. The valuable services which he rendered at ho as well as in Sierra Leone, points out such a post as one for which he is well suited & in which he might be expected, through the Divine blessing, to prove very u He has however declined at present to accept the appointment. Mr Pollitt has su so severely in his health in Jamaica that it is the opinion of our Medical Advis he must not return to a tropical climate. In that case he will probably go to Zealand, after being prepared for Holy Orders in the Institution. He has since suffered the additional affliction of losing another of his children. Mr Newman lost his wife since his return. She died in Child-bed. Nothing has been decided regard to Mr Gillies; but the state of health to which he was reduced before h

Jamaica clearly forbids his return thither. As to his being employed elsewhere nothing has yet been decided.

We remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours,

Henry Venn
D Coates
Secs. C.M.S.

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W. B. Pollard, Esq

Church Missionary House,
May 18, 1841.

Dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of Aug. 15/40 the following communications from the Mission have reached us: —

Your Letters of June 10, Nov. 21, Dec. 26/40 & Feb. 8/41.
Revd. J. H. Bernau's Letter Oct. 24/40.
Revd. T. Youd's Letter May 15/40 & one with no date.
— Do. — to Gov. of British Guiana Mar. & Oct./40.
— Do. — Journal, Oct./39 to Mar./40.
Mr. E. Christian's Letter Jan. 20/41.
Account Current of the Mission, June 30/40.
The Guiana Times, Aug. 19/40.

2. Our object in writing at present is to apprise you that the Comee. have sanctioned the return home of the Revd. T. Youd for a few months, in compliance with a request from Mr. Y. to be allowed to do so. The Comee. regret his absence from the Mission, especially at a period when about to form a new station at Warrapoota; but the state of his health appears to be much reduced, partly by the climate & partly by the severe trials of a domestic nature which he has experienced.

3. We fear there is no prospect of the Committee's undertaking a Mission on the Demerara River as recommended by Mr. Youd. The claims in fact of hopeful Stations already occupied for additional assistance far beyond the power of the Comee. to

meet them, seem to forbid their entering on a new undertaking like the one in question.

4. The Comee feel deeply grateful to His Excellency the Governor for the assistance which he has rendered to Mr Good & to the Mission generally. We request you will have the goodness to convey to the Governor the cordial acknowledgments of the Committee for his countenance & friendly offices.

We remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours,
Thomas Vores
D. Coates
Secy CMS.

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W. B. Pollard Esq

Church Missionary House,
June 29, 1841.

Dear Sir,

We last wrote to you on the 18th ult., a duplicate of which Letter we now enclose. The only communications that have since reached us are Mr A. A. J. Glen's Letter of April 20/41 & one from Mr J. Doyce to the Corr. Committee dated March 19/41.

By this ship the "Marquis of Chandos", Captn Sayers, we forward the usual publications to the present date. The Invoice is enclosed.

We remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours,
D. Coates
Sec CMS.

Church Missionary House,
July 14, 1841.

Revd R Panton

Dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of April 15/41 the following communications from the Mission have reached us:–

Your Letters of Feb. 19, Mar. 22, 30, & May 7/41,– with their respective Enclosures.

Revd J. Stainsby's Letter, Mar. 27/41

Revd W. C. Wurchler's Letter, Apl 1/41, with one to you dated Mar. 22/41.

Royal Gazette, April 20/41.
Postscript to Cornwall Chronicle, Apl 24/41.

2. The most material matters in these communications have been met directly or indirectly by our Letter of Apl 15/41 & the Resolutions which it covered. Though we can scarcely hope that the decision of the Comee on all the points referred to has entirely satisfied the Corr Comee, we trust that on a calm review of the whole of this complicated case they will have acquiesced in the course which has been taken. It is, however the less necessary to reopen the question as the state of the Society's finances have laid ~~the~~ Comee under the necessity of ~~for~~ taking more active measures than were contemplated when the Resolutions of the 1st of Apl were adopted to withdraw from the Mission altogether. We are in consequence now directed by the Comee to request that the Corr: Comee will take immediate measures, in accordance with the Resolutions of the 1st of April, to transfer the Society's Stations to other hands. In doing this you will of course in the first instance communicate with the Bishop & make the transfer to him if it can be arranged. Should an arrangement with the Bishop be found impracticable the Corr: Committee will bear in mind that by the Resolutions of 1st of April they will be at liberty to make the transfer to any other eligible party, provided that the maintenance of the Stations in connexion with the Church of England be secured. It is requisite farther that the Corr: Comee should clearly understand that without intending so to precipitate matters as immediately to suspend or interrupt all operations to which the Corr.ee are

already pledged, they fully expect that their instructions will be so promptly & decisively acted upon as to produce a considerable reduction in the expenditure on account of the Mission for the current year & to relieve ~~for~~ them from it altogether in the year ensuing. We shall be glad to receive any information or suggestions from the Corr. Comee calculated to facilitate the early attainment of the object in view.

3. We felt much indebted to you for the prompt transmission of the detailed information relative to the different Stations contained in your Letter of Feb. 19/41. It is impossible adequately to express to you the importance to the Comee in administering the Society's affairs of a full, early, & accurate information of this kind.

4. The replies given to the statements of Mr Guest relative to the Orchard & of Mr Sinclair's relative to Kauckalva are entirely satisfactory as we fully anticipated they would be. ~~We~~

5. With regard also to Bills on England given by the Treasurer to Individuals on their private accounts, the explanation is, as we likewise anticipated, perfectly satisfactory. By asking for information we certainly had not the remotest intention of implying blame to the Corr. Comee in those transactions.

We remain, Dear Sir

Very truly Yours.

Thomas Vores

D. Coates

Secy CMS.

Revd Messrs Muhlhauser & Eckel

Church Missionary House,

July 14, 1841.

Dear Brethren,

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of March 15/41, ~~of which a duplicate is enclosed~~, the following communications from the Mission have reached us: –

Revd J.G. Muhlhauser's Letters Feb 6, Mar. 22, Apl 29 &

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Revd. A. E. Eckel, Feb. 6/41.
——— Do ——— Account current, July to Dec/40.
R. D. Woodman's Journal, Jan. to Dec./40.
Returns of Trinidad: 1840.
Port of Spain Gazette, Apl. 30/41.

2. We are much grieved at the course pursued by Mr Gilbert. Whatever ground of complaint however the Comee may have in reference to this matter it would be useless now to dwell upon it, the more so as the financial situation of the Society has laid the Comee under the necessity of taking measures to withdraw from the Mission altogether with as little delay as practicable. You are, we believe, aware that the Comee have all along looked upon their Missions to the coloured population of the West Indies as a temporary arrangement with a view to the aiding & promoting a safe & salutary transition from a state of slavery to a state of freedom. As that change has, under the Divine blessing proceeded happily thus far, & things are now assuming a more settled form in the West Indies, the Comee conceive that the period of their withdrawal has now arrived. Added to this, as we have already intimated, the financial situation of the Society imposes the necessity of the immediate reduction of its expenditure. The Comee have therefore directed that a communication should be entered into with the Bishop of Barbados with a view to the relinquishment to the Ecclesiastical Authorities of the operations of the Society in Trinidad. In making this arrangement it will of course be optionable for you to remain in the Island under it in connexion with the Bishop, or to leave it with a view to be employed elsewhere in connexion with the Society. We ought to add, however, that we do not perceive an opening for you except in West Africa. With regard to the Catechists the Comee could not give a pledge to employ them elsewhere, but they will probably continue their salaries for a limited period if they should not find employment in the Island which they would deem eligible. While the Comee do not intend so to precipitate

matters as immediately to suspend & interrupt operations to which they are already pledged, they fully rely on you to th such measures without delay as may facilitate the attainment of the object in view so far as depends upon yourselves, & so as to aff some considerable relief to the funds of the Society in the current y Should the Commee be able to arrange with the Bishop for his Lord charging himself with the Society's Stations they will be prepared transfer the buildings to him, subject however to the consent Government with regard to such of them as were erected in part out of the Parliamentary Grants. We shall be glad to hear fro you immediately in reply with any information or suggestions calculated to accomplish the object in view without inconvenien or embarrassment to any of the parties interested.

3. We are glad to find that Mr Hawkins conduct in late transactions turns out to be more satisfactory than we ha previously anticipated. In the altered circumstances of the Mission, as explained in the preceding paragraph, there is no objecti to his entering into any communication with the Bishop with a view to Ordination which he may think fit, on the understanding of course that his maintenance in future is to be derived from the Bishop.

4. Having quitted the Society in the manner he did Mr Gilbert is clearly not entitled to retain any of the property which he had in his possession, except such as he may have purchased out of his salary. You will therefore call upon him immediately to surrender to your disposal all other property of the Society of which he retains the possession.

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5. You will consider yourselves at liberty to realize for the benefit of the Society any personal property like that referred to in the last paragraph which is not indispensable for the use of the persons employed in the Mission. Your drafts on the Commee may perhaps be

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[illegible] to some extent in this way.

We remain, Dear Brethren
Very truly Yours,
Thomas Vores
D. Coates
Secs. C.M.S.

Church Missionary House
Augt 14: 1841

Revd R Panton

My dear Sir

In the absence of Mr Coates, I advise you that the Society's usual Publications, including the Annual Reports, have been shipped in the "Ralph Bernal, Capt. G. Bridges" bound to Kingston. The enclosed Invoice and Bill of Lading will shew that they are, as usual, consigned to you.

I am
My dear Sir
Yours faithfully

Secy.

Rev. R. Panton
&c. &c.

Church Missionary House,
November 25, 1841.

Revd R Panton

Dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of July 14/41, a duplicate of which is enclosed, the following communications from the Mission have reached us:-

Your Letters of July 13 & Aug. 9/41.
Reports of the several Stations for the
Quarter ending [illegible]

Mr H. Taylor's Letter, Sept. 10/41.
Revd. W. Stainsby's do Sept. 28/.

2. As we purpose writing to you by the next Packet we do not at present enter on the general affairs of the Mission.

3. By this ship, the Herschell, Captn. Rutherford, we forward the usual Publications to the present date. The Invoice is enclosed.

We remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours,

D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Revd R. Panton

Church Missionary House,
December 1, 1841.

Dear Sir,

1. We last wrote to you on the 25th ult., a duplicate of which Letter is enclosed, since which no communication from the Mission has reached us.

2. Except the short Letter above mentioned it is long since we wrote to you. The delay has arisen partly because we waited the arrival of your Letter of the 17th of June referred to in yours of the 13th of July. It is however not yet come to hand. As that Letter was a reply to ours of the 15th of April & the important Resolutions of the 1st of that month which it covered, the ~~of~~ want of it renders it difficult properly to take up some of the points comprised in your Letters of the 13th July & 9th of Augt. It was however satisfactory to the Comee. to infer, as they do from the Letters just mentioned, that the course of proceeding marked out by the Resolutions of the 1st of April has been followed out, & that peace & harmony prevail in the Mission. We request that you will

3. In pursuance of the course indicated by the second of the Resolutions of April 1/41 respecting the Normal School the Comee have engaged a Master for it. His name is Whitten, & he has already been employed in the West Indies in connexion with the Mico Society. We have reason to expect that he will prove a really efficient Master. He will, we expect, leave this country for Jamaica in the course of a few weeks. The Eastern District Comee will therefore have the goodness to make such arrangements as may be requisite in contemplation of Mr Whitten's arrival. The School will, of course, be limited to its original object.

4. The Comee feel grateful to the Revd Messrs Stainsby & Hall for kindly taking upon themselves the office of Secretary; the one of the Western, & the other of the Eastern District of the Mission.

5. We are grieved to learn that the Revd R. L Dixon's health has again failed. We are more & more deeply impressed of the value of his services in the Mission, & trust that it may please our Heavenly Father still to preserve him to it.

6. It is quite clear that care will be necessary in the contemplated transfer of the Society's Stations to the Ecclesiastical authorities of the Diocese. The attention which has been already given to this subject shews that you are alive to its importance. We do not doubt that the members of the two Committees are so likewise.

7. The state of the Mission as exhibited in the ~~Lad~~ Midsummer Reports is a cause of much thankfulness to the Comee. May the blessing of God increasingly rest on the labours of all employed in the Mission! We are now looking for the Reports of the Michmas Quarter.

8. The Account Current of the Mission is at present under the consideration of the Comee & we shall have occasion to refer to it again hereafter. At present we have only to express the regret of the Comee that the Account was not audite

previously to its transmission. We have had occasion to point out a similar irregularity formerly. We beg that the Accou[nt] Current of the present year may be made up, audited, & transmitted to us as soon after the 31st Inst. as possible.

9. The Revd J. Stainsby has written to us on certain matters respecting the Western District. On one point we have felt it necessary to reply without delay. A copy of our Letter to Mr. Stainsby's ~~Letter~~ is enclosed.

10. We hope to write to you on financial matters by the next Mail.

We remain, Dear Sir
Very truly Yours

Richard Davies.
D. Coates
Sec^s. C.M.S.

Revd J. Stainsby.

Church Missionary House
December 1, 1841.

Dear Sir

1. We have much pleasure in acknowledging your Letter of the 28th of Sept. It afforded the Com^ee much satisfaction to learn that you approved of the plan of the administration of the affairs of the Mission traced in their Resolutions of the 1st of April last, & that you had kindly consented to take the office of Secretary of the Western District Com^ee.

2. We are not prepared to enter on general topics respecting the transfer of the Mission to the Ecclesiastical Authorities of the Diocese; but there is one point in your Letter to which we wish immediately to reply. It is that relative to the Church at Chichester. It is a matter of very serious regret to the Com^ee that the erection of this building has been so long delayed. The liberal contribution to it of Mr. Neil Malcolm, as well as its close connexion with the ministerial instruction of the people, rendered it obligatory upon the Com^ee to erect a Church as speedily as possible. We are therefore glad that your judgment is in favour

prosecuting the erection of the building. Let it be proceeded with therefore without loss of time. We infer from what you state that funds sufficient for the purpose, or nearly so, are already available. Should this not be the case, what is wanted may be probably drawn from local resources with due exertion. At all events, every effort should be made to provide thus the cost of the building. We need scarcely add that the utmost practicable economy should be used in the erection of the Church that is consistent with the stability & permanency of the structure.

3. The Comee. have had under their consideration the Revd. C. W. Winckler's Letter to the Revd. R. Panton of Mar. 22/41 in reply to Mr. Sinclair's charges against him. It affords us much pleasure to state that the Comee. consider Mr. Winckler's vindication of himself completely satisfactory. Mr. Malcolm has requested the Comee. to furnish him with a copy of Mr. Winckler's exculpatory statement. With this request, however, they have declined to comply, informing Mr. M. that they are satisfied with the explanation of his conduct given by Mr. Winckler; but that as his Letter ~~in~~ in exculpating himself criminates his accuser, they felt that they could not safely communicate it to Mr. Malcolm it not being intended for publication. We shall feel obliged by your apprising Mr. Winckler of the view which they have taken of his Letter to Mr. Panton above mentioned & of the course which they have pursued with regard to Mr. Malcolm's request.

4. We hope to write in reply to the other parts of your Letter by the next Packet.

We remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours,
Richard Davies.
D Coates
Secy. CMS.

Revd Messrs Muhlhauser & Eckel — Church Missionary House,
January 1, 1842.

Dear Brethren,

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of July 14/41 the following communications from the Mission have reached us:—

Revd J.G. Muhlhauser's Letters, July 26 & Sept. 9/41
—— Do —— Account Current, Jan. to June/41.
Revd A.E. Eckel's Letters, June 23, July 20, Sept. 9, Oct. 7, & Nov. 8/41.
—— Do —— to Mr E.J. Hawkins, June 23/41, with Mr Hawkins' reply.
—— Do —— to Messrs Reid & Co, Oct. 7/41.
Mr H. Steward to —— do —— Oct. 4/41.
W.G. Knox, Esq. to Revd A.E. Eckel, Oct. 22/41.
Dr Mechlhurst to —— do ——, Oct 1/41, with Account of charges on Mr Redford
Mr J.E. Hawkins' Letter, June 17/41
—— Do —— Journal, Jan./40 to Sept./41.
Return of Schools at San Fernando, June 30/41
Revd A.E. Eckel's Accd Current, June/41.

2. In our last letter we apprised you of the financial difficulties in which the Comtee were involved. This has led to a careful examination of our expenditure & the adoption of measures with a view to reduce or regulate it. We enclose a copy of an Extract of the Report of the Comtee of Correspondce on this subject. The arrangements made in the Report are more fully applicable to the Missions in India & Ceylon than to that in Trinidad. ~~It is~~ They are however susceptible in your case of being applied to a considerable extent. To the accomplishment of this the Comtee wish you to address yourselves without delay, although they are desirous, as you are aware, of withdrawing from the Mission altogether. This however it is not practicable for them to do while the See is vacant. No Bishop has yet been appointed. It is, indeed, currently reported that the Diocese is to be divided into two Bishopricks, one of

which will comprise Trinidad & British Guiana. The Comee wish you in the mean time to enter into communication with the Governor, in order to ascertain on what terms & under what conditions the Colonial Authorities may be willing to accept the transfer of the Buildings in the Island belonging to the Society. The basis of the arrangement must be, that all the establishments belonging to the Society in the Island are retained in connexion with the Established Church, & that the Bishop concurs in the terms of it. On this subject you will lose no time in communicating with us as soon as any thing is settled with the Government.

3. The Comee are glad to find that you both are disposed to remain in your respective situations in the Island should a satisfactory arrangement for your doing so be made with the Bishop. It would be much to be regretted that either yourselves or your people should be deprived of the ministerial & pastoral advantages resulting to both parties from the length of time in which you have been respectively connected as Minister & people.

4. The same reasons as those just adverted to make it desirable we think that Mr Woodman should remain in the Island. He stands there in a much more advantageous position for immediate usefulness than he could do for a long period elsewhere. The Island, too, needs the services of such a man as Mr W. has proved himself to be; & we cannot doubt that the Bishop would be glad to secure them to Trinidad. It was very satisfactory to the Comee to receive so favorable a testimony of Mr W's conduct & attainments.

5. We are much concerned to receive so unfavorable a report of Mr Hawkins' health. We fear from Mr Eckel's statements that Mr H's will be under the necessity of returning home in order to its reestablishment.

6. We have not yet been able to refer to the Comee respecting Mr Mecklhardt's Bill for attending Mr Redford.

7. Under present circumstances no new School or other additional expense must be incurred on account of the Society.

8. We think Mr Eckel's explanations satisfactory with regard to Mr Redford's complaints.

9. We are sorry that the Revd T. Gilbert should not have terminated his connexion with the Society in a less unsatisfactory manner. The following Resolution was adopted by the Comee in reference to him on the 26th Octr:– "That considering the expense incurred by the Socy in the educatn of its Missiony upon the understanding of their being employed in its service, the Comee cannot regard the conduct of Mr G. in relinquishing his connexion with the Socy upon the offer of employment from another quarter without expressing their disapprobation of the course taken by Mr G. involving, as it appears to the Comee, a case of breach of faith with the Society."

10. The Comee have directed that the Letters to Messrs Reid & Co should be forwarded to them.

11. A copy of the form the Comee that the Acct Current of each District of the Mission sh
hereafter be kept is enclo
12. The Comee thankful satisfactory progress of the Mission through the blessing of God upon
labours of those employed
Brethren
& affectly Yours,
D. Coates

Secy C.M.S.

Revd Messrs Muhlhauser & Eckel

Church Missionary House,
January 10, 1842.

Dear Brethren,

1. We last wrote to you on the general affairs of the Mission by the Packet on the 1st Inst, a duplicate of which Letter is enclosed. No communication from the Mission has reached us since the despatch of that Letter.

2. We simply write at present to advise you of a shipment of the usual publications to the present date by the "William Large" which takes this.

The Invoice is enclosed.

We remain, Dear Brethren,
Very truly Yours,

D Coates
Sec C.M.S.

Revd R Panton

Church Missionary House,
January 15. 1842.

Dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of the 1st ult., a duplicate of which is enclosed, the following communications from the Mission have reached us:-

Revd J. F. Lessing's Letter, Oct. 1/41
Mr Horks' Letter, Oct. 27/41.

2. We regret to say that we are still without any communication from you later than the 9th of Augt. The Michmas Reports consequently are not yet come to hand. Neither has your Letter of the 17th June yet reached us.

3. Since we last wrote your Letters of the 13th July & 9th Augt, together with the Revd J. Stainsby's of the 28th Sept, have been again brought under the consideration of the Comee. Though the non-arrival of your Letter of the 17th June still places them under some embarrassment in adopting farther measures relative to the Mission, they did not feel it right any longer to suspend the expression of their opinion on certain parts of the communications now under notice. They accordingly, on the 4th Inst, adopted the Resolutions copied below. These Resolutions sufficiently indicate the general views of the Comee with regard to the transfer of Stations & Buildings.

4. With regard to Stations it will be satisfactory to you to observe that the Comee entirely approve & have adopted the principle laid down by you in the conversation with his Excellency the Governor reported in your Letter of Augt 9th. The financial situation of the Society is such as to increase the solicitude of the Comee to be relieved from the burden of expenditure in

Jamaica at the earliest practicable period. At the same time they feel the paramount obligation of making the best provision in their power for the ministerial care of the people at the Society's different Stations. To accomplish this it appears to the Comee necessary to condition for the formation of the Stations which they surrender into Parochial Districts for Island Curacies & for the first presentation to the Incumbencies thus formed. The responsibilities with regard to the people which the Comee have incurred by their past course concerning them are such that the reasonableness of the conditions just explained will not we apprehend be questioned by any one. The first of the two Resolutions now transmitted clearly defines the principle by which the Cor. Comees in both Districts are to be governed in this matter.

5. The second Resolution refers to the disposal of other buildings belonging to the Society in the Island. For these a payment may, it is hoped, be obtained from the Parochial Authorities as suggested by the Revd J Stainsby & yourself. At all events every effort should be made to effect such an arrangement. The sum demanded for the Buildings should however, we think, in every case be minus the sum spent on them respectively out of the Parliamentary Grants. In all cases, however, you will observe that it is an indispensable condition that the permanent connexion of the Building with the Church of England should be secured. We should be glad to find that Mr Stainsby's suggestion of forming an independent local Society to take up the Schools could be carried out. The Schools being thus placed in connexion with those friends in the Island who have hitherto administered the Society's affairs, the same general course of procedure would continue to be followed. This would, we conceive, be attended with much advantage in various ways.

6. We will attend to Mr Taylor's request respecting Books for his blind Child in our next shipment.

7. With regard to Mr Taylor's ordination it is a question which in the actual circumstances of the Mission the Comee do not feel prepared to take up. Should the Bishop see fit to admit Mr Taylor or any other [illegible]

the Society to Holy Orders & place him on an Island Curacy we have no doubt that such an arrangement will be entirely satisfactory to the Comee.

8. We are glad to find that the Revd. J. F. Seſsing is willing to remain in the Island agreeably to the views of the Comee. The Bell which he requests shall be sent out, relying on his obtaining the cost of it from local resources.

9. The Revd J. Cook seems to have some hesitation with regard to his future course; but we hope he will eventually

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see his way to remain in Jamaica. We see no opening for employment for him in connexion with the Society elsewhere.

We remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours,

Richard Davies.
D. Coates
Secs. CMS.

Church Miſsionary House,
January 15, 1842.

W. B. Pollard, Esq

Dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of June 29/41 the following communications have reached us:-

Your Letters July 17 & Nov. 13/41.
Revd. J. H. Bernau's Letter, June 30/41.
Account Current of the Miſsion, Mar. to July/41.

2. It was very gratifying to the Comee to learn that a Branch Church Miſsionary Society had been formed at Demerara. We trust that the kind aſsistance thus seasonably rendered to the Society will sustain the Indian Miſsion & lay the foundation of its ultimate extension. The serious financial difficulty in which the Comee have found themselves involved has compelled them to take measures more systematically in order to derive increased & regular support to the Society's different Miſsions from local resources. We enclose a copy of an Extract of a Report of the Comee of Correspondence to the General Comee; to whom the consideration

of the financial ~~[illegible]~~ situation of the Society had been referred. The principles embodied in the Report are applicable to all our Missions, though many of the details adverted to in the Paper are inapplicable to your circumstances. The Comee, however, earnestly request that the Accounts of the British Guiana Mission may be placed on the footing directed in the Report, & that local resources may be called forth as largely as possible & applied in the mode specified. The Comee also request that the Account Current of the Mission may be transmitted to us at the time pointed out, accompanied by an accurate Estimate of the cost of the Mission for the year subsequent to the date to which the Account is made up.

3. In ~~the~~ our present financial situation it is impracticable for the Comee to enter at present on any new undertaking in British Guiana. They however strongly feel the obligation to employ the agency of the Society, to the utmost of their power, to impart the Gospel of Christ & its concomitant blessings to the Indian population.

4. We shall be very glad to find that the Revd T. Youd's circumstances have so far changed as to admit of his relinquishing his purpose of visiting England. We are quite aware that Mr Doyce is quite unequal to the Waraputa Station even as a temporary arrangement, & that therefore Mr Youd could not quit it without serious injury to the undertaking. Of this Mr Youd himself must be fully aware. We therefore earnestly hope that he may be enabled to remain at his post.

5. We are much concerned to learn that Mr Christian is suffering in his health. We trust, through the blessing of God, that it will become reestablished during the cool season. His removal to Waraputa is quite out of the question. Nothing must be done to endanger the progress of the Station at Bartica Point. Lord Stanley has just forwarded to the Comee

an Extract of Mr Schomburgk's Report of his visit to that Station. It is of a very gratifying character, & fully attests the success with which, under the Divine blessing, the Revd J.H. Bernau's judicious plans & self-denying labours have been crowned. Under these circumstances not only must nothing be done to impair the efficiency of the Station, but everything possible to strengthen & advance it.

6. Your request relative to publications shall be attended to.

7. We have not received from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel the promised sum of £150 for the Greenfield Station. We doubt from the tenor of Mr Glen's letter [illegible] of April 20 last whether he is prepared to accede to such an arrangement. Will you have the kindness to ascertain this? It is certainly very much to be regretted that the place should remain so long without a Teacher.

8. We are waiting with some solicitude for communications from the Revd J. H. Bernau, his last to us being of the date of the 30th June last.

We remain, Dear Sir
Very truly Yours,
Richard Davies.
D. Coates
Secs CMS

Ch. Miss. House
Feb. 1. 1842.

Revd J.M. Frew

Dear Sir,—

The Comm. are very desirous to avail themselves of your services in visiting the West Indies in reference to certain parts of the Society's proceedings in that quarter.

You are aware of the intention of the Comm. to withdraw from the West Indies with as little delay as is con-

sistent with the accomplishment of that object in a sa-
tisfactory manner. The general views of the Comm. on this
subject are explained in three Resolutions of which copy,
to the adoption of which you were a party. On the 4th
ult. they adopted two other Resolutions on the same
subject of which I enclose a copy. From these you
will perceive that two main points to be accomplished
are — the disposal of the Natives & the disposal of the
Buildings. The Resolutions of the 4th of January explain the
principles thereon on which these are respectively to be made.
The Comm. are of opinion that it is in your power materially
to assist them in the accomplishment of the objects which
they have in view. Their views on this head are explained
in a series of Resolutions adopted today, of which a
copy is enclosed. The Comm. having entire confidence
not only in your judgment & local information, but in
the good understanding & confidence which subsists between
you & the members of the two Jamaica Committees,
have judged it advisable, in order to ensure prompti-
tude in the business under consideration, to authorise
you to act definitively in it in communication
with the Rev. R. Panton & the two Comm. They are of
opinion that in the actual state of things they do by
letting this rest facilitate the Committee in pursuing
the course which they are confident that they are not

[illegible] disposed to take them thereto. The [illegible] is fully sufficient for the communications from the Rev. Messrs. Stainsby & Walker referred to in the Resolution under notice.

With regard to the obtaining of suitable Youths for the Institution from whatever part of the West Indies they may be procurable, your views we know fully coincide with those of the Comm.ee We need not therefore impress on you the great importance of the object, nor the very great care requisite in the selection of youths of due qualifications & promise. This is a point however which the Comm.ee especially press on your best attention

Praying that you may fully enjoy the Divine guidance & blessing in the various important matters confided to you in visiting the West Indies,

We remain, My dear Sir

Very truly yours,

D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Revd R. Panton

Church Missionary House,
March 1, 1842

Dear Sir,

1. We last wrote to you on the 15th of Jan.y. We regret to state that in the interval which has elapsed since it was despatched no communication from you or from the Mission has reached us. We earnestly hope that we shall by the next Mail receive Letters from you together with the Account Current & the Returns of the Mission for the year 1841. The suspension of communications from the Mission subjects the Com.ee to much inconvenience & embarrassment.

2. The Com.ee on the 1st ult. adopted, in reference to the

Revd J.M. Trew's visit to the West Indies, three Resolutions directed to engage his agency in furtherance of the Society's objects in Jamaica. The third of them requested him to endeavour to select ten or twelve Youths suitable for the Normal School, if he should find it practicable to do so in his visits to the different Islands. Since those Resolutions were adopted the increasing financial difficulties of the Society have led to a reconsideration of the course which the Comee have previously taken relative to the Normal School. After having deliberated on the subject at two meetings they have to day adopted the Resolutions copied below. It is with much regret that the Comee have felt themselves constrained to come to the conclusion that the circumstances in which they find themselves placed render it probable that they will be obliged to relinquish the Normal School as well as the other parts of the Mission. We request that you will immediately apprise Mr Trew of this change in the course of the Comee. We request you will lose no time in transmitting to Mr Trew a copy of the Resolutions as we shall not be able to write to him by this packet

3. Mr McConnell has called here with his Testimonials & his case as a candidate for admission to the Islington Institution has been considered by the Comee. In the event it did not appear to them advisable to receive Mr McConnell.

4. We shall write to the Bishop on the present views of the Comee with regard to the Normal School; but it is advisable that you should also apprise his Lordship of it.

5. In the Revd J Stainsby's letter of Sept 28/40 he suggested the possibility of a new Institution being formed by the friends of the C.M.Society to sustain from local resources certain parts of the operations now carried on by the Society in Jamaica. Should it be found feasible to accomplish this they might possibly wish to retain the Normal School also. Let us know their views on this head.

We remain, Dear Sir
Very truly Yours
Henry Venn
Richard Davies
D. Coates

Church Missionary House,
March 9, 1842.

Revd. R. Panton

Dear Sir,

We write to advise you of a shipment pr the "D'Auvergne", Captn Bradley, which takes this. It includes the usual publications to the present date, two small packages, & a case & cask for the Revd J. F. Sessing. The Invoice & Bill of Lading are enclosed.

We remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours,
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Church Missionary House,
March 24, 1842.

J. B. Pollard Esq.

Dear Sir,

We forward by the ship which takes this, the Enterprize, Captn Morey, the usual publications to the present date. The Invoice is enclosed.

I remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours,
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

P.S. We hope to write to you on the subject of the Mission by the next Mail.

Revd R. Panton

Church Missionary House,
March 31, 1842.

Dear Sir,

1. The only communication which has reached us since the despatch of our Letter of the 1st Inst. is the Revd J Stainsby's Letter of Jan 25/42.

2. We are still, to the very serious inconvenience of the Comee, without any communication from you since the Letter of Aug. 9th. A Mail is now over due which we earnestly hope will bring us letters from you, & also the Account Current, Returns, & Reports of the Mission.

3. We have lately been called upon by the Colonial Office to furnish a statement in detail of the appropriation of the sums received by the Society out of the Parliamentary Grants of the years 1837, 1838, 1839, & 1840. We enclose a Form of Return specifying the particulars required. It is of much importance that all the particulars should be correctly & fully given, & that the Return should be forwarded to us with as little delay as possible. We therefore beg your immediate attention to this business, & that it may be prosecuted to completion forthwith.

4. The Society's financial year has just closed. We regret to say that it exhibits a very large excess of expenditure over income. A contraction of operations, & that to a considerable extent, is rendered immediately necessary. The Comee therefore feel increased solicitude to effect the transfer of the Jamaica Stations in accordance with their Resolution of Jan. 4/42.

We remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours

D. Coates Secy C.M.S.

P.S. Mr Pollitt has referred to the Comee Dr Tuthill's Bill for attendance on himself & family in Aug. & Sept. 1840. The amount is £45.10.0; Currency we suppose. Under all circumstances the Comee have directed that it should be paid by the Society. Will you have the goodness therefore to discharge the Bill?

Revd Messrs Muhlhauser & Eckel

Church Missionary House.
March 31, 1842.

Dear Brethren,

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of Jan 10/42 the following communications from the Mission have reached us:-

- Revd A.E. Eckel's Letter, Nov 30/41 & Jan 15/42
- — Do — Journal June/41
- — Do — Acct Current, July to Dec./41
- Report of Schools: Dec/41.
- Revd J.G. Muhlhauser's Acct Curt: Dec 1841
- Revd S. Parry to Revd A.E. Eckel, Nov 15/41.
- Acct of Conference betn a Guaraon &c., Oct 30/41.

2. We have lately been called upon by the Colonial Office to furnish a statement in detail of the appropriation of the sums received by the Society out of the Parliamentary Grants of the years 1837, 1838, 1839, & 1840. We enclose a Form of Return specifying the particulars required. It is of much importance that all the particulars should be correctly & fully given, & that the Return should be forwarded to us with as little delay as possible. We therefore beg your immediate attention to this business, & that it may be prosecuted to completion forthwith.

3. The accounts of the year yesterday we regret to say that they exhibit a very large excess of expenditure over income. A contraction of ~~offe~~ operations, & that to a very considerable extent, is therefore indispensably necessary. The Comte are therefore very solicitous to effect the transfer of the Trinidad Stations to the Ecclesiastical authorities. Though the Act has passed for dividing the Diocese no Bishop we believe is appointed under it. There is consequently no one at present with whom the Comee can negociate. So soon as an appointment shall be made the Comee will enter into communication with the Diocesan. They will, we apprehend, not be prepared to ~~accept~~ accede to an arrangement which would remove you from your present Stations for the purpose of being located elsewhere in Trinidad. The great solicitude of the Comee is that you should

not be separated from the people with whom you are ministerially connected. Indeed the Stations which you occupy appear to be so peculiarly eligible in point of climate, as well as with regard to population, that the relinquishment of them is exceedingly to be deprecated.

4. We have been interested by the Rev. A. L. Eckel's visit to Morago & his communication with the Indians on that side of the Island & his conference with the Guaraen Doctor.

We remain, Dear Sir
Very truly Yours

D. Coates
Sec^y C.M.S.

P.S. We omitted to state above that Dr. Micklehurst's Bill for attendance on Mr. Redford (S.M.) has been referred to the Com^{ee}, & that they adopted the following Resolution in reference to it:-

"That while the Com^{ee} do not recognize a claim on the Society on the part of Dr. Micklehurst, yet that under the peculiar circumstances of the case Mr. Eckel be authorized to settle the matter with Dr. M. in the best manner he may be able."

While the Com^{ee} under the peculiar circumstances of the case authorize Mr. Eckel to settle the matter with Dr. M., they cannot recognize a legal claim upon them on his part. The amount of the charge appears too, to be very high. They hope therefore you may be able to arrange the matter with him by the payment of an amount considerably below that specified.

&c. &c.

W. B. Pollard Esq.

Church Missionary House
March 31, 1842.

Dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of Jan 15/42 the following communications have reached us:

Your Letters of Nov. 26 & Dec 20/41 with Enclosures.
Rev. J. H. Bernau's Letter, Dec 1/41.
Rev. T. Youd's Journal, Sep. 6 Aug/41

Mr J. Doyce's Letter, Aug. 31/41
Drawing of the Warraputa Mission.

2 We have lately been called upon by the Colonial Office to furnish a statement in detail of the appropriation of the sums received by the Society out of the Parliamentary Grants of the years 1837, 1838, 1839, & 1840. We enclose a Form of Return specifying the particulars required. It is of much importance that all the particulars should be correctly & fully given, & that the Return should be forwarded to us with as little delay as possible. We therefore beg your immediate attention to this business, & that it may be prosecuted to completion forthwith.

3. The communications acknowledged above from the Rev T. Youd & Mr Doyce have much interested the Comee. They abundantly prove that the labours bestowed upon the Indians at Warraputa has not been in vain in the Lord. The withdrawal therefore of the Missionaries from the Station under such hopeful circumstances is exceedingly to be regretted. This is especially the case with regard to Mr Doyce, as his imprudent conduct has separated him not only from the Station but the Mission also. The Comee at the same time admit the force of those considerations which induced the Corr: Comee to sanction Mr Youd's accompanying the Government party to Pirara. The Comee would be very glad to see both points occupied on behalf of the Indians; but in the present financial situation of the Society they know not how to accomplish it. The Rev. J. G. Muhlhauser's position in Trinidad is so important that the Comee would be very sorry to see him removed from it. They purpose therefore so soon as a Bishop shall be appointed to the Diocese including Trinidad to enter into communication with him with a view to transfer to the Ecclesiastical establishment the whole of the Society's Mission in that Island. Our financial difficulties indeed are such as to render this step imperatively necessary. On closing the Accounts of the year yesterday the expenditure was found very far to exceed the income. The entire relinquishment of our operations in Jamaica & Trinidad is determined on at the

earliest practicable period. The Comee wish to retain the Mission to the Indians of British Guiana, & in prosecution of that object to strengthen the Bartica Grove Station, as well as to occupy both Warraputa & Pirara. To effect this, however, the funds of the Society are inadequate. Under these circumstances the Comee have directed us to lay the case before Lord Stanley, with a view to obtain pecuniary aid from the Colony for the support of the Mission, especially the Pirara Station. For this, at least to the extent of paying Mr Youd's salary, the manner in which they have availed themselves of his services in the occupation of Pirara gives the Society a strong claim. The Corr. Comee will have the goodness to support these views with the local Government. The Comee would probably be able to supply the additional Agents required, but the means of providing for them must be supplied from the Colony.

4. We are concerned to hear of the failure of Mr Christian's health. We should be glad to hear that his visit to Barbados was the means of its reestablishment. The expense of his voyage will be cheerfully borne by the Comee.

5. We have much pleasure in acknowledging the Revd J. H. Bernau's Letter of 1st Dec. It contains very encouraging details of the progress of the Mission. May it please God increasingly to bestow His blessing upon it! We are grieved to remark indications of the failure of his health. We earnestly pray that his valuable life & labours may be long spared to the Mission.

We remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours

J Coates
Sect. CMS

W. B. Pollard, Esq

Church Missionary House,
May 7, 1842

Dear Sir,

We write to advise you of a shipment by the "Emily", Captn Carman, of the usual Publications to the present date, together with a small parcel for the Revd J. M. Bernau. The Invoice is enclosed.

I remain, Dear Sir
Very truly Yours
J Coates
Sec C.M.S.

Revd R Panton

Church Missionary House,
May 31, 1842

Dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of March 31/42 your Letter of the 2nd ult with the Account Current of the Mission for the year 1841 have reached us.

2. In our last Letter we apprized you of the serious financial difficulties in which the Comee were involved. This led to the appointment of a special Finance Comee. A copy of their Report & of the Resolutions of the Genl Comee thereupon are enclosed. However distressing to the Comee a contraction of the Society's operations was, the duty of doing so was imperative. Since the adoption of the Finance Comee's Report much of the time of the Comee of Correspondence has been occupied in considering how the contraction of the ~~limits~~ scale of expenditure for the present year to the sum of £85,000 could be effected with least embarrassment & injury to the Missions. On the best view which they could take of this difficult & painful subject they felt bound to limit the expenditure on account of the Jamaica Mission to £2600. In order to give effect to this decision they adopted a series of Resolutions a copy of which is enclosed.

3. The first Resolution directs that no expense shall be incurred on the Mission, except for the salaries of Ordained Missionaries, after the 29th of Sept. next. To accomplish this all Schools not previously taken up by parties in Jamaica are to be closed at the date just mentioned. The third dissolves the connexion of with the Comee with Catechists not sent out from Europe at the same date. The fourth Resolution offers an early passage home to Catechists sent out from Europe, unless they prefer remaining in the Island. The fifth Resolution explains the course to be pursued with regard to the ordained Missionaries who may not be provided for in the Island before the 29th of Sept.

4. The sixth Resolution directs the manner in which you are to proceed in carrying into effect the arrangements comprised in the first five Resolutions. From what has been already stated you will perceive the necessity of promptly carrying the instructions of the Comee into execution. This Resolution notices the serious embarrassment in which the Comee have been placed by your long silence, extending from the 9th of Augt. last to your Letter of the 2d of April above acknowledged. The embarrassment occasioned to the Comee by this silence, as stated in our former letters, has indeed been very serious. We regret that the Letter just received is so scanty of information as not materially to relieve the embarrassment of the Comee. No explanation is given of the non-transmission of the Quarterly

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Reports of the Stations & of the annual Returns of the Statistics of the Mission. The Letter also leaves us at a loss to understand why information should not have been addressed to the Comee from month to month on the general state of the Mission & the working of the system introduced by the Resolutions of the Comee of April 1848. The irregularity of the Packets might have prevented the punctual receipt of your letters, but would not have interfered any material delay. We are also still without a copy of your Letter of the 17th of June, which in our Letter of [illegible] we requested you immediately to transmit. The [illegible] this Resolution renew their request for full information as to the measures already taken for carrying their former directions into effect & as to the present state of the Mission.

5. The 7th & 8th Resolutions direct certain communications to be made to the Revd Messrs Trew, Griffiths, & Stainsby in reference to the measures directed in the first five Resolutions. These communications will be forwarded to them by the present packet. This course of proceeding the Comee felt constrained to adopt in order to secure the discontinuance of the operations of the Society in Jamaica at the period specified in the Resolutions.

6. There is however one case to which the Comee feel it requisite to call the special attention of the Eastern District Comee. You are well aware of the large sacrifices made by Mr J.W. Wildman to provide for the religious instruction of his people at Salt Savannah long before the passing of the Slavery Abolition Act. You are also aware of the engagements of the Comee to place a Catechist at Salt Savannah & how very imperfectly those engagements have been fulfilled. The subject has again been brought under the notice of the Comee by Mr Wildman, & the following Resolution has been adopted by them:-

"That Mr Wildman be assured of the sincere regret of the Comee that, contrary to their direction, his property at Salt Savannah had for so long a time been left without a Catechist of the Society; & that he be informed that in its present circumstances the Comee cannot pledge themselves permanently to provide a Catechist for Salt Savannah, but that should he wish it they will give directions for the immediate location of a Catechist there, & for his being continued until the operations of the Society are finally withdrawn from Jamaica."

Under the circumstances of the case the Comee considered it a matter of justice to Mr Wildman to give him this pledge; & they beg that on the receipt of this Letter an efficient Catechist may be immediately placed at Salt Savannah, & that in accordance with their Resolution he may be continued there till the operations of the Society are finally withdrawn from the Island. You will understand that the Catechist at Salt Savannah is not to be a new Agent but one of those already employed by the Society. The

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Comtee are aware that the execution of their instructions may operate disadvantageously to some other Station. They are, however, of opinion that their engagement to Mr Weldman demands this sacrifice.

7. The Comtee cannot close this Letter without renewing the expression of their regret at being compelled to take such decisive measures as those under notice for discontinuing the Society's operations in Jamaica at the period stated in the Resolutions. The many proofs which they have received of the Divine blessing having largely rested upon the labours of the Missionaries renders the adoption of such measures peculiarly painful. They encourage the hope, however, that such preliminary measures will have been already taken by the two Comees upon their previous instructions as may facilitate the execution of those now transmitted. Of this at least we trust, that all parties will be assured that the course which they have taken is imposed upon them by uncontrollable necessity. And they cannot relinquish the hope that, through the kind cooperation of the Lord Bp. of Jamaica, it may yet be found practicable to constitute the Ordained Missionaries of the Society Island Curates of the District with which they are severally connected, & thus secure to the people the ~~ministerial &~~ pastoral superintendence of those with whom they are at present ministerially connected.

We remain, Dear Sir
Very truly Yours,

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D. Coates
Secy C.M.S.

P.S. We ought to have stated more distinctly above that the Committee are constrained to include the discontinuance of your salary also at Michaelmas next, with that of the Missionary Agents.

D.C.

Revd J. Stainsby Church Missionary House,

May 31, 1842.

Dear Sir,

You are no doubt now aware of the serious financial difficulties in which the Comee have become involved. The extent of them is detailed in the Report of a Finance Comee of which a copy is enclosed. This state of things has compelled the Comee to expedite their measures for discontinuing the Society's operations in Jamaica. The measures which they have adopted for that purpose are explained in a series of Resolutions adopted by the Comee of Correspondence on the 27th inst. & in a Letter to the Revd R. Panton of this day's date, of both which copies are enclosed. To the information contained in these documents we have little to add. We earnestly request you will comply with the wishes of the Comee as expressed in the 8th Resolution, & lose no time in carrying the Resolutions of the Comee into effect in the Western District. We have apprized the Revd J.M. Trew that the Comee had requested you to invite his assistance & advice in executing the instructions of the Comee. His long connexion with Jamaica & the information which he possesses of the views of the Comee respecting the Mission, will explain the grounds of the Comees desire that you should be aided by his cooperation in the discharge of the painful duty which the Comee are constrained to devolve upon you.

We remain, Dear Sir,

Very truly Yours

D. Coates

Secy. CMS

Revd G. Griffiths

Church Missionary House,
May 31, 1842.

Dear Sir,

You are we doubt not aware of the serious financial difficulties in which the Committee have been involved. The extent of them is detailed in the Report of a Finance Committee, of which a copy is enclosed. This state of things has compelled the Committee to expedite their measures for discontinuing the Society's operations in Jamaica. The measures which they have adopted for that purpose are explained in a series of Resolutions adopted by the Committee of Correspondence on the 27th Inst. & in a Letter to the Revd R. Panton of this day's date, of both which copies are enclosed. To the information contained in these documents we have little to add. We earnestly request you will comply with the wishes of the Committee as expressed in the 8th Resolution, & lose no time in carrying the Resolutions of the Comee into effect in the Eastern District. We have apprised the Revd J. M. Trew that the Committee had requested you to invite his assistance and advice in executing the instructions of the Comee. His long connexion with Jamaica, & the information which he possesses of the views of the Comee respecting the Mission, will explain the grounds of the Comee's desire that you should be aided by his cooperation in the discharge of the painful duty which the Committee are constrained to devolve upon you.

We remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours.

D. Coates
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Rev. J. M. Trew

Church Missionary House,
May 31, 1842.

Dear Sir,

1. We have deeply sympathized with you in the very heavy domestic affliction with which you have been visited since your arrival in the West Indies. None but He who wounded can administer support & consolation under circumstances like yours; & these a faithful God has we doubt not administered, for He cannot deny Himself. And the whole history of His dealings with His people shows that when afflictions abound consolations also abound by Christ. May your experience fully realize this! The sympathy of the Com^{ee} is expressed in the last of the Resolutions herewith enclosed.

2. Of the financial difficulties of the Society you are already partly aware. They are fully disclosed in the Report of the Finance Com^{ee} which we enclose. This state of our finances has compelled the Com^{ee} to bring the operations of the Society in Jamaica to a close at a still earlier period than previously contemplated. The course which they have laid down for that purpose is explained in the enclosed Resolutions, & in a Letter to the Revd H. Panton of this day's date, a copy of which is also enclosed. These documents will put you so fully in possession of the views of the Com^{ee} that little need be added. The Com^{ee} very earnestly request your kind cooperation in carrying their instructions into effect & this we are assured will not be withheld so far as your circumstances may permit you to afford it. You will perceive that promptitude & decision are required combined with wisdom & the spirit of kindness. We write to the Revd Messrs Griffith & Stainsby by this packet requesting them to seek your assistance & advice in the District

with which they are severally connected.

We remain, Dear Sir
Very truly Yours

D. Coates
Secy CMS

Bp. of Jamaica

Church Mission House
31 May 1842

My Lord

I am directed by the Committee to transmit to your Lordship the accompanying Resolutions

It is with extreme reluctance that the Committee have yielded to the necessity of their circumstances & curtailed their operations. But at the close of our financial year on the 30 May April, we had a debt of £12,000 which must be liquidated out of our annual income. The General Meeting of the Society in May directed, therefore, that our expenditure for the next year should be contracted to a sum less by £25,000 than the expenditure of last year.

Under these circumstances we have been compelled to precipitate the withdrawal of our funds from your Lordship's diocese.

The Resolutions which we transmit are designed to carry out this measure on the principles which were considered at the interview with which your Lordship favored the Committee during your last visit to England & which I believe had your full sanction.

The Committee cherish the earnest hope that your Lordship will be able, as you kindly intimated your willingness to do, to constitute the ordained Missionaries of the Society Island Curates of the districts with which they are severally connected, & thus secure to the people the pastoral superintendence of those with whom they are at present ministerially connected.

May I add our best wishes & prayers that your Lordship may be preserved in health & enabled long to preside over the important & interesting field of once Missionary & now pastoral labor to which you have been called

I have the honor &c
My Lord
Your Lordship's faithful &
obedient Servant
Henry Venn
Hon^y. Sec^y. Ch. Miss. Soc^y.

Church Missionary House,
June 15. 1842.

W. B. Pollard Esq

Dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of March 31/42 no communications from the Mission have reached us, except the Account Current of the Mission for the Half year ending Dec 31/41.

2. In our last Letter we referred to the serious financial difficulties in which the Society is involved. This led to the appointment of a Sub-Committee on the subject. Their Report is enclosed with the Resolutions of the General Committee thereupon appended. As intimated in our last Letter the Comee wish to retain the Mission to the Indians of British Guiana. For this they have provided for the present year, according to the existing establishment of the Mission, in the apportionment of the sum of £85,000 assigned by Resn. 2 of the 26th April as the maximum of the scale of expenditure for the current year. Whether both Pirara & Warrapoota are to be retained Stations of the Society will depend on the application to Lord Stanley for pecuniary aid from the Colony for the support of the Pirara Station adverted to in our last Letter. To this application no reply has at present been received.

3. In the apportionment of the £85,000 above-mentioned the Comee found that the sum of £1600 was the utmost which they could assign to the British Guiana Mission for one year. The year to commence from the 1st day of the month commencing next after the receipt of this Letter. This will ~~no~~ probably be the 1st of August. The £1600 is the sum to be supplied by the Parent Comee from home, & is irrespective of local resources derived either from the Government or from individuals. The sum thus allowed, it is the farther direction of the Comee, is to be drawn for in quarterly

portions. The Comm^ee however suggest that the portions drawn in the first three quarters should be something less than a quarter of the whole sum, so that something may remain in hand at the end of the year to meet any unforeseen contingency. It is the further view of the Comm^ee that the salaries of the Missionaries & of Mr Christian should be first paid. If the portion remaining when this is done is insufficient, in addition to local resources, to maintain the existing establishments as they now stand, the Corr. Comm^ee will have the goodness, in communication with the Missionaries, to make such reductions as will bring the expenditure to be provided from home within the authorized sum. In making reductions, if necessary, the Corr. Comm^ee & the Missionaries will of course be careful to make them so as to impair as little as possible the efficiency of the Mission. It must be clearly understood on all hands that your Drafts on us must on no account exceed during the year the sum of £1655.

4. It has been very painful to the Comm^ee to make the reductions in the Missions which the financial situation of the Society has forced upon them. The duty, however, was plain & imperative; & in discharging it they have carefully considered the details of expenditure in each of the Missions. They earnestly hope that the course concerning the local contributions directed in the Finance Report, transmitted under cover of our Letter of the 25th of Jan last, will enable the Corr Comm^ee so to provide for the expenditure of the Mission as not to retard its progress. They have directed a Circular Letter to be addressed to all the Missionaries expressive of their feelings in reference to the restrictive measures which they have been compelled to adopt, & of which we enclose a copy for the information of the Corr Comm^ee.

5. We enclose a copy of the Abstract of our last Report.

We remain, Dear Sir
Very truly Yours
Henry Venn
Richard Davies.
D. Coates
Secs CMS

Revd Messrs Muhlhauser & Eckel

Church Missionary House,
June 15, 1842.

Dear Brethren,

1. We last wrote to you on the 31st March, & have now to acknowledge the following communications from the Mission:-
Revd J. G. Muhlhauser's Letter, April 11/42.
Revd A. E. Eckel's Letter, March 9/42.
Mr E. J. E. Hawkins' Journal, Oct. to Dec./41.
Account Current of the Mission: Dec./41.

2. In our last Letter we apprised you of the serious financial difficulties in which the Society is involved. This led to the appointment of a Sub Committee on the subject, a copy of whose Report is enclosed. From this Report, & the Resolutions of the Comee thereupon which are appended, you will perceive that the Comee are constrained under their present circumstances to expedite the discontinuance of the Society's operations in Trinidad. As no Bishop has at present we believe been appointed to that part of the West Indies in which Trinidad is included, though a Bill for the division of the Barbados Diocese has passed through Parliament, the Comee are precluded from prosecuting measures for withdrawing altogether from Trinidad so soon as the exigency requires, as no several matters connected with their doing so cannot be satisfactorily arranged without previous communication with the Diocesan. It is therefore the more necessary that you should press forward measures for the reduction of expenditure to the utmost extent which it is practicable to carry them in your actual circumstances. No new building must be commenced, new school opened, or additional agent employed. You will also carefully consider how reduction can be made in all other parts of your expenditure, without the actual relinquishment of a School or Congregation, &

make these reductions immediately. If an opportunity should be presented, for communication with the Archdeacon or Rural Dean, for transferring any of your schools to either of them, or any parochial Clergyman of our Church, you will have the goodness to do it at once on such terms as you may be able to arrange. Beyond these points we can offer no specific suggestion. The Com^ee will lose no time in communicating with the Bishop of the Diocese as soon as one shall have been appointed; but they will probably find it necessary to bring the expenditure of the Society in the Island entirely to a close by the end of the present year 1842 at the latest.

3. We forward by this Mail an Abstract of the last Report. On all other heads, except the financial one, it presents a very gratifying result of the labours of the Society's Missionaries, & calls for special thankfulness & praise to the God of all grace.

4. We also forward by this Packet a copy of a Circular Letter from the [illegible] Committee to the Missionaries of the Society in reference to the measures for reduction of expenditure which the state of the Society's finances compelled them to adopt.

We remain, Dear Brethren,
Very truly Yours
Henry Venn
Richard Davies
D. Coates
Sec^s. CMS

P.S. We regret that, through inadvertency, the enclosed Power of Attorney of Messrs. Irving, Reid, & Co., to M^r. Stewart, respecting the William's Ville land, was not forwarded to you before.

W. B. Pollard, Esq

Church Missionary House,
July 1, 1842.

Dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of the 16th ult., a duplicate of which is enclosed, we have received no communication from the Mission except your Letter of the 14th May.

2. Since the despatch of our last Letter we have received Lord Stanley's reply to the Committee's application to have the expenses of the Pirara Station provided for out of the Colonial funds. We regret to say that this reply is not favourable to the views of the Comee. His Lordship states "that there is no fund at the disposal of Her Majesty's Government, either in British Guiana or in this country, which could be applied to this purpose." The Letter however adds: "Lord Stanley has recently directed Governor Light to urge upon the Combined Court of British Guiana the claims which he conceives the cause of the instruction & civilization of the Indians to have upon their sympathy & support."

3. Taking Lord Stanley's statement that there are no funds which could be applied to the support of Mr Youd at Pirara, with the intimation contained in your Letter before us of the unsatisfactory state of things at that post, the Comee have come to the conclusion that Mr Youd should lose no time in returning to Warrapoorta. They were the more confirmed in the expediency of adopting this course as they had recently received from Lord Stanley a copy of Mr Schomburgh's Report to his Lordship of his visit to Pirara at the beginning of the present year. In this Report Mr Schomburgh speaks in very favourable terms of the progress of the Station. Such being the case, & the Comee having no prospect of sending an additional Missionary to the British Guiana Mission, Warrapoorta seems to be clearly marked out as the proper location of Mr Youd. You will therefore have the goodness immediately to apprize Mr Youd of the decision of the Comee as it is

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most desirable that no unnecessary delay should take place in the reoccupation of Waraputa.

4. We are sorry to learn that Mr Christian's health continues in so unfavourable a state. We fear the Com^ee could not propose to him a Station in a more favourable climate.

5. Adverting to the financial difficulties of the Society, we do not doubt that the Cor. Com^ee will use their best endeavours to obtain pecuniary aid from the Colonial Government for the support of the Bartica Grove & Waraputa Stations. These Missions to the remnants of the aboriginal tribes scattered over the British territory have a strong claim on the justice as well as the humanity of the British Government when the injuries which European colonization has inflicted upon them are considered. It is therefore due to the Indians to press their claims on the local Government in the most urgent manner, & we are led to believe that your present Governor is well disposed to admit their reasonableness & force.

We remain, Dear Sir
Very truly Yours

Richard Davies.
[illegible]
Sec^s C.M.S.

Revd R. Panton

Church Missionary House
July 20, 1842

Dear Sir,

1. No communication from you has reached us since the despatch of our Letter of May 31/42

2. We simply write at present to advise you of a shipment by the Bathurst, Captn Hall, of the usual publications to the present date. The Invoice is

enclosed.

We remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours,
D. Coates
Sec. C. Miss.

Revd R Paton

Church Missionary House,
Aug. 11, 1842.

Dear Sir,

1. The only communication which has reached us from you since the despatch of our Letter of the 31st of May is your Letter of the 24th June.

2. It is exceedingly painful to us again to express the surprise & dissatisfaction of the Comm.ee that they are still without the Returns of the Statistics of the Mission for the year 1841, & that no Report of any Mission Station, save one brought home by the Revd H. L. Dixon, since those for Midsummer of last year. We are also still without the duplicate of your Letter of the 17th June which has been repeatedly called for. We must too repeat that the irregularity in the Packets, whatever it may have been, can account at the utmost in a very slight degree for the nonreception of communications from you. With regard to our Letter to the Revd J. Stainsby of Dec 1/41 it has now transpired that it did not reach its destination in consequence of being misdirected.

3. In the absence of communication from you relative to the arrangement entered into with the Revd J. M. Trew relative to the Normal School at the Grove the Comm.ee took up the question on a copy of Mr Trew's Report to the Mico Commissioners with which he kindly favoured them. All circumstances considered the Comm.ee fully approved of the arrangement with a slight modification which we will explain, & which has been acceded to by the Mico Commi

They have on their part slightly modified in the 8th Resolution which has been acquiesced in by the Comee. ~~The~~ We enclose a copy of the Agreement as finally arranged attested by Mr Frew & Mr Coates. By the 1st Resolution the C M Society was indefinitely bound to keep the premises in repair &c. This condition the Committee declined to accede to. It is however agreed that they shall do the Repairs &c to the 31st of December next. Even to this extent they would have been disinclined to go, had it not appeared from your arrangement with Mr Frew that Repairs had actually been done in accordance with the 1st Resolution as it originally stood. The Comee were indeed of opinion that no such outlay should have been made, in the actual situation of the Society, without a previous reference to them for their sanction. We trust however that the carrying out of these arrangements, as it now stands will under the divine blessing, both render the Grove School a source of much Spiritual advantage to the enfranchised population, and at the same time, without any infringement of its spirit strengthen the interests of our own Church in the Island.

4. We are thankful to say that Mr & Mrs Dixon reached us in improved health, though he has evidently suffered severely from his Residence in Jamaica.

We remain, &c &c
very truly yours

D. Coates
Secy C.M.S.

Revd R. Panton

Church Missionary House,
Sept. 15, 1842.

Dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of Aug. 11th, a duplicate of which is enclosed, we have received your Letter of July 19th with its enclosures.

2. Under all the circumstances of the case we abstain from entering into an examination of the grounds on which the Letter before us explains or justifies your long silence on the affairs of the Jamaica Mission, though we cannot but admit the validity of the reasons which you assign for it. We must, however, remark, that up to the present moment the Comee have not received the Statistical Returns of the Mission for the year 1841, nor a single Station Report since Midr 1841, with the exception of that furnished by the Revd H. L. Dixon since his return to England.

3. With regard to the Normal School buildings the Comee infer from your reply to the Revd J. M. Trew's Letter of May 5/42 that the first of the conditions proposed by him as to the delivering up the buildings to the Mico Trustees "in good & sufficient repair at the expense of the C.M.S." have not only been agreed to but acted upon; for you thus write: "I have had an opportunity of consulting some of the old friends of the C. M. Society, members of the Corr. Comee. I am authorized by them to conclude the proposed arrangements, & make the necessary alterations & additions in the premises at the Grove." The Comee therefore, though reluctantly, agree to that part of the condition, & must of course now bear the expense. We have only now to request that no greater expense may be incurred than is necessary, economically to fulfil the engagement.

4. It will be quite convenient to the Comee that the Missionaries who still continue on the Society's establishment should, each of them, draw on us quarterly for his salary. It is requisite, however, that they should distinctly understand that this authority to draw bills must be absolutely limited to their respective salaries at the

amount of £300 Sterling per ann.

5. The [illegible] year to which the restricted expenditure of the Mission, £2600, was intended to apply was, as you suppose, our financial year, viz. Ap. 1/42 to March 31/42. We find however, that the amount considerably exceeds that sum. The following is a list of the Bills on account of the Mission which have been left for acceptance since the 1st April last.

			£2580
1842 Feb 3	£500	1842 May 17	130
.	500	. .	300
Ap. 6	500	.	300
.	500	14	50
.	20	July 22	550
.	500		£3910
.	60		
	£2580		

The two Bills drawn Feb 3 ought perhaps to be taken as belonging to the preceding year. Still the demand already made upon us exceeds the sum assigned by the Comm^{ee} for the total amount of the current year's expenditure of the Mission.

6. You will observe that two Bills of £300 each were drawn upon the 17th May. One of these has occasioned us much embarrassment & some expense as the Bills were not advised nor distinctly numbered. We consequently felt considerable hesitation as to paying one of them, & ventured to do it at last only on the ground of some incidental circumstances which seemed to warrant us ~~[illegible]~~ regarding them as belonging to two distinct sets.

7. To other parts of your Letter we are not able to reply at present but hope to do so by an early Packet.

With assurances of our personal regard & kindly feelings,

We remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours,

Richard Davies.
D. Coates
Secs. CMS

Revd G. Griffiths

Church Missionary House,
Sept 15, 1842.

Dear Sir,

1. Your Letter of July 19/42 reached us in due course.

2. We have not yet been able to refer to the Comee your plea on behalf of Moore Town. From the lively interest which they take in that Station, they will we are sure feel every disposition to comply with your wish should it be in the power of their hand to do so.

3. It was a great relief to us to learn by your Letter & others from the Revd Messrs Stainsby & Panton which reached us by the same packet, that active measures had been taken to reduce the expenditure of the Mission prior to the receipt of the Resolutions of the Comee of the 24th May.

4. The Comee feel deeply grateful for the uniform & valuable assistance which for so long a period you have rendered to them in the Jamaica Mission. May you be long spared to the people of your charge, with an abundant increase of the Divine blessing upon your labours among them!

We remain, Dear Sir
Very truly Yours
Richard Davies.
J Coates
Secs C.M.S.

Revd J. Stainsby

Church Missionary House,
Sept. 15, 1842.

Dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of May 31st we have received your Letters of May 20, July 7, & 20/42.

2. We have not yet been able to refer to the Comee relative to Chichester, but will take an early opportunity of doing so. They will probably adopt the course which you suggest & communicate with Mr Neil Malcolm on the matter.

3 We fully enter into your feelings in reference to the relinquishment of the Society's operations in Jamaica. Under any circumstances many painful feelings must have been excited by the

steps; but these are deepened by apprehensions that various interests may have suffered by the precipitancy with which the Comm.ee were in the event compelled to act in consequence of the financial difficulties of the Society. We feel encouraged however to hope that, through the Divine blessing, a state of things has arisen both among the Clergy & people, of abundant promise to Jamaica. May it please the God of all grace that this anticipation may be abundantly realized!

With a grateful sense of your long & cordial cooperation in the work in which the Society has been engaged in in Jamaica & with our earnest prayers that you may increasingly experience the blessing of God in your own soul & in your ministry,

We remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours

Richard Davies.
D. Coates
Sec.s C.M.S.

Bp. of Barbados

Church Missionary House,
Sept. 19, 1842.

My Lord,

Agreeably to your Lordship's request when you did the Committee the favor to attend their meeting, I beg to explain their views as to the mode in which it is their wish to bring the operations of the Society in Trinidad to a close.

The Committee had never contemplated continuing the Society's Missions among the Negro population in the West Indies beyond the period when the crisis of enfranchisement should have passed by. They were willing indeed to have somewhat extended the Society's operations in

Trinidad, in consequence of the great want of religious instruction for the people in connexion with our own Church, had not the serious financial difficulties ~~[illegible]~~ in which they last year found themselves involved, compelled them to decide on retiring from the Island as speedily as it was practicable to make arrangements for doing so. As the Committee were most solicitous that the labours in which the Society had been engaged should be taken up & carried forward in connexion with the Church of England, they postponed, though at a pecuniary sacrifice very inconvenient in the actual situation of the Society, taking final measures till the arrangements connected with the subdivision of the Diocese of Barbados into three Dioceses were completed. That having been now accomplished, and your Lordship having been appointed to the See which includes the Island of Trinidad, the Committee earnestly solicit your co-operation in measures which while they relieve the Society's funds from charge, may in connexion with our Church secure to the people among whom the labours of the Society have been carried on the ministerial and educational advantages which they have heretofore enjoyed.

The establishment of the Island in reference to which the Committee wish to make arrangements with your Lordship consists of two Missionaries, the Revd. Messrs. Eckel & Muhlhauser; two Catechists, Messrs.

Hawkins & Woodman; & 6 Schoolmasters, namely, William Searl, Thos Brown, W. H. Bewick, B. W. Stanton, John Innmann, & P. Marsh. From your Lordship's long connexion with the Island as one of the Archdeacons of Bishop Coleridge you are so fully aware of the stations, characters, & labours of these several individuals, that I need not dwell upon them.

With regard to the Missionaries, Messrs Muhlhauser & Eckel, it is the wish of the Committee that, should it meet with their concurrence, your Lordship would place them on the ecclesiastical establishment of the Island, continuing them at the Stations where they are now respectively located. By this means the funds of the Society would be relieved from charge, and the ministerial labours of the Missionaries be permanently continued in a district much in need of religious instruction, & in which, through the Divine blessing, considerable progress has been already made. The district also has the farther recommendation of being one of the most salubrious in the Island. Should your Lordship be unable to provide for these Missionaries in Trinidad I fear there is no alternative but their being removed from the Island.

With regard to Mr Hawkins, the Committee understand that he is with your Lordship's concurrence pursuing his studies at Codrington College with a view to admission to Holy Orders. From the tenor of Mr Hawkins' Letter to the Committee on the subject I presume that he considers his connexion with the Church Missionary Society to be abandoned.

The other individuals mentioned above were taken up on the Island by the Missionaries with the sanction of the Comee. Mr Woodman has been very favourably reported of to the Comee; so much so, that he might possibly be prepared for the ministry should your Lordship deem that an eligible course respecting him. The Comee however will be under the necessity of withdrawing the salary & discontinuing the services of Mr Woodman & the Schoolmasters at an early period should they not be able to make an arrangement for their being employed by your Lordship or by the Governor free of expence to the Society.

The Church at San Fernando and the Schoolhouses suitable to be employed for the purposes of public worship the Committee will be prepared to transfer to your Lordship on being relieved by you from all expences on account of the Stations where they are severally situated.

In the case of Schoolhouses not suitable for the use of public worship the Committee would be willing to pursue the same course on the same condition.

The Committee however feel so strongly the obligation to provide if possible for the continuance to the people of those religious & educational advantages in which they have participated through the agency of the Church Missionary Society that they propose to enter into communica sion with the Governor of Trinidad, in the hope through his means of securing that object, should they not be able to attain it through your Lordship's instrumentality, which they would much prefer.

I have the honour to remain,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's obedt Servant,

Sec. C.M.S.

Revd R Panton

Church Missionary House,
October 1, 1842.

Dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of the 15th ult., a duplicate of which is enclosed, no communication from you has reached us.

2. The Committee of Correspondence on the 27th ult. adopted the Resolutions which ~~we enclose~~ are copied below.

3. With regard to any ~~unavoidable~~ expences which may be unavoidably incurred _ beyond salaries & winding up the affairs of the Mission in accordance with the instructions of the Comee as conveyed in their Resolutions of May 24/42 _ it will be requisite that you should draw for them as heretofore. We trust however that the amount of expenses under this head will after the 29th ult. be inconsiderable.

We remain, dear Sir,
Very truly Yours,

Richard Davies.
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Revd J. Stainsby, Oct 1/42
Revd G. Griffiths, Oct 1/42

Revd J. Stainsby

Church Missionary
October 1, 18

Dear Sir

1. Since we wrote to you on the 15th ult. your Letter of July 20th has been referred to the Comtee. In accordance with your suggestion they have directed that we should communicate with Mr Neil Malcolm & put him in possession of the statements contained in your Letter. We trust that the arrangement which you have proposed to the Vestry at Hanover may at length be adopted. It promises to be advantageous at once to the Parish, the Society, & the people connected with Mr Malcolm's property.

2. We doubt the practicability of forwarding the object through the Colonial Office.

3. We enclose a duplicate of our last Letter.

We remain, Dear Sir
Very truly Yours,

Richard Davies.
D. Coates
Secs C.M.S.

Revd G. Griffiths

Church Missionary House,
Oct. 1, 1842

Dear Sir,

1. We wrote to you on the 15th ult., of which Letter a duplicate is enclosed.

2. Since we last wrote your appeal on behalf of Moore Town has been considered by the Comtee. They fully recognize its claims, &, notwithstanding the pecuniary difficulties by which they are surrounded, have agreed to continue Mr Gibson's salary for two years from the 29th ult. As they cannot incur any pecuniary responsibility beyond the two years, it may be doubtful whether Bishop of Jamaica will under these circumstances ordain Mr Gibson for Moore Town, assuming that his Lordship considers Mr G. qualified for the ministry. We hope however that the Bishop see his way to do it. With a view to the furtherance of

the Comm.ee have, you will perceive, directed us to write to the Bishop direct on the subject. The Resolutions of the Committee are copied below.

We remain, Dear Sir
Very truly Yours,
Richard Davies.
D. Coates
Secs. CMS.

Revd. Messrs Muhlhauser & Eckel

Church Missionary House,
October 1, 1842.

Dear Brethren,

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of June 15/42, a duplicate of which is enclosed, the following communications from you have reached us:-

* Revd. A. E. Eckel's Letters, May 30, 31, & June 6/42.
Statement of Appropriation of Parliamentary Grants.
Your Letter to Govr. MacLeod, April 18/42
Mr. E. J. L. Hawkins' Letter, June 15/42

* Revd. J. G. Muhlhauser's Letter July 26/42.
Schedule of Income of the Missn.; June 30/42.
Return of the Missn.; Labourers.

2. During the stay in this country of the Bishop of Barbadoes, within whose Diocese Trinidad is included, his Lordship attended a meeting of the Comm.ee when their views with regard to the transfer of the Mission were explained to him. The Bishop requested that a statement might be addressed to him on the subject in writing. This was done in a Letter under date of the 19th ult., supposing that he was still in London. It appeared however that he sailed for the West Indies in the preceding packet. The Letter is therefore forwarded to him by this packet. A copy of it is enclosed for your information. We scarcely need add that it would be highly satisfactory to the Comm.ee that you should cooperate with the Bishop to the utmost of your power in carrying the views of the Comm.ee into effect.

3. From the tenor of Mr Muhlhauser's Letter of the 26th of July we fear there is little prospect of making such an arrangement with the Governor of the Island as would be satisfactory to the Committee. You will however use your best efforts to promote at once the pecuniary interests of the Society & the spiritual welfare of the people in the arrangement which may be made.

4. With regard to yourselves, it is the earnest wish of the Comm.ee, as you have already been informed, that you should on

time to be connected with the people to whom you have so long ministered with such undoubted evidence of the Lord's acceptance & blessing. The Com.ee however lay no restraint upon you in this respect but refer it entirely to your own judgment as to your future course. We think it possible however that a place might be found for you both in our Indian Mission in British Guiana should the Bishop of Barbados not be able to provide for you at your present Stations, or you be disinclined to remain there on such terms as he may have it in his power to propose.

5. We conclude from a Letter of Mr. Hawkins of the 15th of June that he had at that time withdrawn from the Society. We presume therefore the Society will be subjected to no farther charge on his account beyond that contained in the Account before us. In the actual situation of the Society the Com.ee are glad to have the funds of the Society thus relieved; but considering the cost incurred by the Society in Mr. Hawkins' education & in sending him to Trinidad, we regret that he did not communicate with the Com.ee previously to separating himself from the Society. Possibly however he may have conceived that by thus relieving the Society's funds he was in its actual circumstances pursuing a course acceptable to the Com.ee.

6. With regard to Mr. Muhlhauser's question as to allowance from the Com.ee under sickness or for the education of your children after your separation from the Society, we conceive that all claim to assistance on these heads would cease on the discontinuance of your connexion with the Society. Though the Com.ee very highly esteem you & have every reason to be satisfied with your conduct in the Mission, they could not we apprehend incur obligations of this kind when you are no longer employed in connexion with it.

7. You will of course give us early information of what may be decided on in communication with the Bishop, as the Com.ee are most solicitous to bring their expenditure in Trinidad to a close as speedily as possible.

We remain, dear Brethren,
Very truly Yours,
Richard Davies

Church Missionary House
October 1/ 1862

My Lord,

I am directed by the Committee to request your Lordship's kind attention to the following case.

Your Lordship is doubtless aware that in consequence of the financial difficulties of the Society, it has been found necessary to bring ~~the~~ its operations in the Island of Jamaica to a close sooner that was at first intended. In pursuance of this resolution, the salaries of nearly all the lay Teachers were directed to cease on the 29th ult. The Revd G. Griffith, Rector of Portland, has however urged a very strong plea in favor of Moore Town, which is situated in his Parish. In that Maroon Station, a substantial Chapel has, by extraordinary exertion, been very nearly completed at an expense exceeding £1500. The house formerly occupied by the Superintendent, together with twelve acres of land, have been given up for the use of the Teacher. The population of the Town and neighbourhood amount to 2000 living at an average distance of 10 miles from any other place of worship. More than 300 Adults are in the habit of attending Divine service, and there are 150 scholars in the School.

Mr Gibson has latterly laboured as a Catechist at this Station, and Mr Griffith speaks in the highest terms of his talents, zeal, and piety. He has taken his M.A degree, and entered upon his labours with an express understanding, on the part of the Corresponding Committee that he should be presented to your Lordship for Holy Orders, and it appears that this step would have been

already taken, had it not been for the delay occasi
by the irregularity of the Packet, which was to conv
certificate of his Baptism.

Under these peculiar and very urgent circum
the Committee have been induced so far to depart from th
former Resolution, as to assign him the usual salary for
two years, commencing from the 25th ultimo, provided your
Lordship, under these circumstances, should see fit to li
him. In proposing thus to extend the operations of the
Society at Moore Town for two years beyond their original in-
tention, the Committee regret that they are obliged to decli
all pecuniary responsibility on account of it, after the
expiration of that period. I believe the period of two
years was fixed upon, because it is the time which the
Bishops in this country usually require that Curates pre
to them for Deacon's Orders should remain with the Incumb
by whom they are nominated.

Trusting that your Lordship will deem it advis
to accept this proposal, and with many thanks for your
Lordship's kind assistance in the Society's present arrange
in your Diocese, I beg to subscribe myself,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's very obedient and humble se

Richard Davies.
Secy. C.M.S.

The Right Revd.
The Lord Bishop of
Jamaica

Revd. Messrs. Muhlhauser & Eckel

Church Missionary House,
October 24, 1842.

Dear Brethren,

1. No communication from you has reached us since the despatch of our letter of the 8th Inst, a duplicate

of which is enclosed.

2. We only write at present to advise you of a shipment by the "Beatrice", Captn Peacock, of the usual publications to the present date, including copies of the 42nd Report. The Invoice is enclosed.

We remain, Dear Brethren,
Very truly Yours,

D. Coates
Sect. C.M.S.

Revd R Panton

Church Missionary House,
October 18, 1842.

Dear Sir,

1. No communication from you has reached us since the despatch of our Letter of the 1st Inst., a duplicate of which is enclosed.

2. We only write at present to advise you of a shipment by the "Francis", Captn Russell, of the usual publications to the present date, together with copies of the 42nd Report. The Invoice is enclosed.

We remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours

D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

W. B. Pollard, Esq

Church Missionary House,
November 3, 1842.

Dear Sir,

1. Since we wrote to you on the 1st of July last we have received your Letter of the 29th of that month.

2. We only write at present to advise you of a

shipment by the Diamond, Capt. Dempster, of the usual publications to the present date, including copies of the 42nd Report. The Invoice is enclosed.

We remain, Dear Sir
Very truly Yours.

D Coates
Sec. CMS

W. B. Pollard, Esq.

Church Missionary House,
November 15, 1842.

Dear Sir,

1. Since we wrote to you on the 3rd Inst., a duplicate of which is enclosed, the following communications from the Mission have reached us:–

Revd. J. H. Bernau's Letter, July 16/42.
Mr. E. Christian's – do – Aug. 19/42.

2. You no doubt have long since heard of the death of the Revd. T. Youd on his passage to Liverpool. This painful intellige only reached us accidentally, the vessel in which his passage w taken having immediately to return to Demerara. It appears that the Captain took back with him all Mr. Youd's property that onboard the ship. May we request that you will have the kindness to look after it & realize it that we may make it over to the relatives entitled to it. Should Mr. Youd have had any of the Society's property in his possession, it should be separated from his own, & either retained for the use of the Mission, or sold for the benefit of the Society.

3. Under these circumstances the Comee. have deemed it advisable to make immediate arrangements for supplying the vacancy in the Mission on occasion of this painful event. They have accordingly set apart Mr. James Pollitt for that purpose. Mr. P. was emplo several years in connexion with the Society in Jamaica very [illegible] & usefully, having returned

to health, he was placed in the Institution to be prepared for admission into Holy Orders. Mr P's case was mentioned to the Bishop of Guiana, who with considerable kindness agreed to receive him as a Candidate should he approve himself on examination to a Clergyman named by the Bishop. This examination Mr P. has satisfactorily passed. He will therefore, D.V., sail for Demerara by the Packet of the 1st prox. Our impression is that he should be located at Waraputa; but on this head we shall write more definitively by Mr P. We give you the earliest notice of the matter in our power that you may be prepared to expect Mr Pollitt.

We remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours
Richard Davies.
D. Coates
Secs. CMS

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W. B. Pollard Esq

Church Missionary House,
November 26, 1842.

Dear Sir,

1. Since we wrote to you on the 15th Inst., a duplicate of which Letter is enclosed, no communication from the Mission has reached us.

2. This Letter is given in charge to Mr Pollitt, whose coming out our last Letter prepared you to expect. We enclose a copy of a Letter to Mr Pollitt of this day's date, explaining the views of the Committee with regard to him. We request the Corr. Comtee will render Mr Pollitt the requisite assistance in reference to his Ordination, proceeding to his Station, & subsequent labours. We can very confidently recommend him to their good offices as one who has under trying circumstances proved himself to be faithful, selfdenying & laborious. Should his health be

preserved we look forward with comfortable hope to his future course among the Indians. As his health failed in Jamaica, though that perhaps is to be ascribed to the very unfavourable circumstances in which he was placed, it will be requisite that the Corr. Commee should pay particular attention to this point in locating Mr Pollitt at Warrapoorla.

3. Keeping in view the principles laid down in the Report to the Commee of Correspondence on the financial situation of the Society, transmitted under cover of our Letter of Jan: 15/42, the Corr. Commee will have the goodness to use their best efforts to draw forth funds within the Colony for the support of the Mission, especially for Buildings & Schools. The Government should be strongly urged to aid these objects, for which the Indian population have peculiar claims.

4. During the stay in England of the Bishop of Guiana he had the goodness to attend a Meeting of the Commee. On that occasion he assured the Commee of the lively interest which he took in the Mission & spoke in high terms of the plan of the Revd J. H. Bernau & of the satisfactory character of the result of his labours among the Indians. The Bishop also evidenced much solicitude that the Commee should extend their operations among the Indians, expressing the hope that the Colony might by & bye bear the whole expense of them. We recommend this subject to the careful consideration of the Corr. Commee in communication with the Bishop. If this matter could be so managed that such a proportion of the general expenses of the Mission should be provided for by the Government, or drawn from other local resources, so that the salaries of the additional Missionaries sent out could be

defrayed without drawing upon the home income of the Society beyond the sum authorized for the current year, it might be practicable to accomplish the object. It would certainly afford the Comm. much satisfaction to be able to supply additional Missionaries to the Indian Mission could it be done without increasing the annual grant to the Mission. From the tenor of the Bishop's communications we are persuaded that you will find his Lordship disposed cordially to cooperate with you in forming & executing plans for the extension of the Society's Mission among the Indians.

We remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours,

Richard Davies.
D. Coates
Secs. CMS

Mr J. Pollitt

Church Missionary House,
November 26, 1842.

Dear Brother Pollitt,

1. The Committee have already explained to you the considerations which led them to appoint you to the Society's Mission to the Indians of British Guiana. We now state them in writing for your future guidance.

2. The late Revd. Thomas Youd, whose death has led to your appointment to the Mission, had laboured at two different Stations in the Interior. The first which he occupied was Pirara. This place was claimed by Brazil as within the Brazilian frontier, & the Mission in consequence broken up. Mr Youd then settled at a spot called Waraputa, nearer to the Colony. The position appears to be an eligible one. Mr Y. was proceeding

his labours there with encouraging prospects, when he was invited by the local Government to accompany an Expedition sent to re-occupy Pirara. This invitation, with the concurrence of the Cor: Comm^ee, he accepted. In the event, however, he found the presence of the Military & other circumstances seriously to interfere with his Missionary labours. At this period he determined to avail himself of the permission to visit England given to him by the Committee some time before. His death, as you know, took place on his voyage home. Circumstances have also arisen to disconnect from the Society Mr Doyce, a Coloured person, who had been associated with Mr Youd. Both Stations therefore are now vacant.

3. Under these circumstances it has been a matter of consideration at which of these places you should be located. In the event the Com^ee are clearly of opinion that Warrapoota is in every respect the most eligible situation. The position of Pirara on the boundaries of the Colony, if not actually within the Brazilian territory, is of itself an objection to it; as it must render it constantly liable to alarms, if not to danger. The presence of the Military, as already intimated, was found by Mr Youd materially to interfere with his Missionary labours. In addition to this, it does not appear to be an eligible spot for the location of Indians. Warrapoota, on the other hand, is considerably within the acknowledged British territory, & well situated, both with regard to the fertility of the soil & abundance of game. To this Station, therefore, the Com^ee have appointed you; & they pray that you may enter upon it with the fulness of the Divine blessing & find the Lord's work prospering in your hands.

4. With regard to any additional Outfit which may be found necessary after your arrival at Demerara - the arrangements for your journey into the Interior - & any expenses for buildings or other objects additional to your salary, we refer you to the Corr. Comtee, through Mr. W. B. Pollard, the Treasurer & Secretary. On all these heads it is requisite that the strictest economy should be used consistently with due provision for the health of yourself & family & the efficiency of your labours. You will also have the goodness to bear in mind that the Comtee wish that every practicable means should be used for drawing forth local resources in support of the Mission & in relief of the home funds of the Society. You will probably not be able to derive much aid from the Indians at your Station in behalf of the Society at present; but the principle should be constantly kept in view; & they will be able perhaps to render you some assistance by their labour in some way or other, though even in that respect but little we fear can yet be expected from them.

5. You know the importance which the Comtee attach to regular & full communications from the Missionaries. We request therefore that you will regularly forward to us your Journal in quarterly portions through Mr Pollard. To this you will add such farther information in Letters as you may see occasion for. Any communication of a private or confidential nature you will be at liberty to address to the Secretaries direct.

6. Your personal Outfit will accompany you in the Steamer. The remainder of it is shipped on board the "Camillus", & will probably reach Demerara soon after your arrival. The Invoice & Bill of Lading will be forwarded to Mr Pollard.

7. A supply of Bibles, Prayer Books, & Tracts has been provided for you for use on board as you may find opportunity. We need scarcely add that it will be satisfactory to the Comee that you should make yourself useful on board the Steamer in administering religious instruction so far as it may be compatible with your Lay character. The experience which you have gained on former voyages will have made you fully aware of the necessity of conciliating the Captain in order to intercourse with the Crew for their religious instruction.

8. You are aware of the very kind manner in which the Bishop of Guiana acceded to the wishes of the Comee with regard to your being received by his Lordship as a Candidate for Holy Orders. It was very gratifying to the Comee to learn from the Revd W. Gardiner, to whom the Bishop had referred you for examination, had expressed himself satisfied with you. The enclosed Letter will introduce you to the Bishop, & you will of course follow his directions with regard to your Ordination.

9. Under the peculiar circumstances of Mrs Pollitt's case the Comee have very cheerfully consented to make provision for her having the assistance of a servant on the voyage.

With the assurance of our constant sympathy & prayers,

We remain, Dear Brother Pollitt,
Truly & affectly Yours,

Richard Davies.
D. Coates
Secy CMS.

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Church Missionary House
London 29 Nov 1842

Rt Revd
The Lord Bishop of Guiana

My Lord

I have the honor of introducing to your Lordship the Mr James Pollitt, whom you kindly permitted us to send out as a candidate for holy orders, with a view to his laboring as a Missionary in the diocese of Guiana.

We have received from the Revd W. Gardiner, to whom your Lordship referred Mr Pollitt for examination, a very satisfactory report of his interview with him: And we feel assured that should Mr Pollitt's health be preserved he will prove a valuable Missionary. His past experience & success in Jamaica justify this confidence.

Having very recently received despatches from Mr Bernau as well as from our corresponding Committee, we have been enabled to fix upon Warraputa as the center of Mr Pollitt's Missionary operations.

Permit me to add my earnest hope & prayer that your Lordship may be strengthened & supported from above in the discharge of the arduous duties to which you have been called,

& to remain
My dear Lord
Your very faithful Servant
Henry Venn

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W. B. Pollard, Esq

Church Missionary House,
December 5, 1842

Dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of the 26th ult., a duplicate of which is enclosed, no communication from the Mission has reached us.

2. Our only object in writing at present is to advise you of a shipment by the "Camillas", Captn Mules. It contains the remainder of Mr Pellitt's Outfit which he was unable to take with him in the Steamer, together with the usual publications to the present date. The Invoice & Bill of Lading are enclosed.

We remain, Dear Sir
Very truly Yours,

D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Rev R. Panton

Church Missionary House,
January 2, 1843.

Dear Sir,

1. Since we wrote to you on the 18th of Oct. last we have received the following communications from Jamaica.

Your Letters, Sept 24 & Oct 10/42
R. Robinson Esq. Oct 31/42.
Petition from the Members of Woodford Chapel
to the Bp. of Jamaica, Nov 2/per.

2. You will perceive that a Letter is acknowledged above from Mr Robinson, the Bishop's Secretary. The object of it was: 1. To acquaint the Com^ee that the Bishop had ordained Mr Gibson to Moore Town; & 2. To solicit pecuniary aid from the Com^ee for the completion of the Church at Somerset Pen (Somerset [illegible] same). On the last mentioned point the Com^ee [illegible]

Resolution :-

"That the Comee regret that it is not in their power to appropriate any additional sum to the erection of the Chapel at Somerset Hall beyond the Government Grant assigned to it; but that should the whole of that Grant not have been expended the Comee will make up the amount of it."

Be so good therefore as to ascertain how the matter stands, & if any part of the Grant made to the Station by Government or the Colonial Legislature remains unexpended; and, if so, to pay the amount to the Bishop's order & debit the Society with the same.

3. The Revd. J. M. Trew appears to doubt whether you would regard as sufficiently explicit the instructions contained in par. 3 of our Letter of Sept 15/42 relative to the expenditure to be incurred in putting into proper repair the Buildings at the Grove preparatory to their being handed over to the Mico Commissioners under the Agreement transmitted with our Letter of Aug 11/42. We can scarcely doubt that you have acted on our Letter of the 15th Sept; but lest that should not have been the case, we now state that the Comee feel themselves bound to make the repairs in question according to the terms of the abovementioned Agreement, & request that they may be made immediately, if not already done, & the amount debited to the Society. You will of course carefully avoid all outlay beyond what the terms of the Agreement impose upon the Comee.

We remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours
Henry Venn
D. Coates
Secs. CMS

Revd. J. Stainsby

Church Missionary House,
January 2, 1843.

Dear Sir,

1. Since we wrote to you on the 1st Oct. last, a duplicate of [illegible]

2. Since the receipt of your Letter above mentioned the Com
have had further communication with Mr. W. Malcolm. Mr M.
dissatisfied with the proceedings of the Comee on two heads.
non fulfilment of their engagement relative to the erection of the
at Chichester. With regard to this, Mr. M is not without just
of complaint - that after the sacrifices made by him & the money
raised no Church has been erected. All however that the Comee co
now say to him was, that should he be willing to make over the
grant of the land to the Hanover Vestry, as had been proposed by
you, of which Mr M was informed, ~~that~~ all the money raised by
subscription or granted by the Government or the Colonial Legis
for the Station should be appropriated to the erection of the Church.
To this proposition Mr M. has declined to reply till he shall rece
a satisfactory reply on the following points: 3. ~~Winckler~~. You are
aware that Mr Sinclair addressed a Letter to Mr. M about two
years ago bringing various charges against the Revd C. W. Winckler.
A copy of the charges was sent to Mr Winckler, to which he fully
replied. Mr. M applied to the Comee for a copy of Mr W's reply,
on which they adopted the following Resolution:-

"That Mr Malcolm be informed that the Comee are satisfied
with the explanation of his conduct given by Mr Winckler, but
that as the Letter from Mr. W. in exculpating himself crimin
his accuser the Comee feel that they cannot communicate
to Mr. Malcolm the Document, which was not intended for
publication."

That Resolution, or the substance of it, was made known by
Mr Malcolm to Mr Sinclair. Mr S. applied to Mr W. for a copy of
the Letter. Mr. W. referred Mr S. to the Parent Comee. Mr Malc
in consequence again applied to the Parent Comee for a copy of the
Letter, on which they adopted the following Resolution:-

Comee of Correspondence, Nov. 29/42.

"That the grounds on which the Comee adopted their Resolut
of Nov 30/41 be explained to Mr Malcolm; & that desiring to meet
Mr M's wishes so far as they warrantably can, the confidential
[illegible]

that he may be cognizant of the statements which it contains in reply to Mr Sinclair's charges against Mr Winckler; ~~if~~ or that, should Mr M. prefer that course, such Extracts of Mr Winckler's Letter be furnished to him, as the Comm. may be advised they can with safety place in his hands.

Neither of these alternatives has been accepted by Mr Malcolm who continues to express himself strongly dissatisfied with the conduct of the Comm. in this matter. You will probably be of opinion that they have gone as far as they possibly could to meet Mr M's wishes. We give you these particulars that you may have authentic information of the ~~one~~ facts of the case should you find occasion for it.

We remain, Dear Sir
Very truly Yours
Henry Venn
D. Coates
Secs. CMS

London
Church Missionary House
14 Feb. 1843

Bp. of Jamaica

My Lord

In the letters lately received from Jamaica we learn that the Revd. Josias Cork is in charge of the station of Rural Hill: & that, Woodford, which he formerly occupied, is left vacant. & we have seen a copy of a petition from the Inhabitants which was sent to your Lordship on the 12th Novr. pleading for a minister to be again stationed amongst them.

We have heard at the same time that your Lordship has expressed a very kindly your willingness to place an Island Curate at Woodford, if you had only a fit person to place there.

Under these circumstances we have ventured to address your Lordship, & to propose that the Society should send out a young man already prepared for holy orders, if your Lordship upon his arrival should be willing to accept him as a candidate for holy orders & to confer upon him, should he prove satisfactory to your Lordship, the Island Curacy of Woodford.

The person we have in view is Mr Thos Redford formerly a Catechist in Trinidad who returned home upon the reduction of our establishment in the West Indies, & has been since studying in our College at Islington, &, if not accepted by your Lordship will be presented to the Bp. of London at his next general ordination. Mr Redford is one whom we can in every respect recommend; & his having already made trial of a West Indian climate will be an additional advantage.

We trust that your Lordship will allow, as a sufficient apology for submitting this proposal to you, the anxiety naturally felt by the Committee for the spiritual welfare of a flock formerly in connection with the Society: & which you so kindly recognised by proposing to convert the Missionary Stations so far as possible into Island Curacies

I have the honor to be
My Lord
Your very faithful obed.t Servant
Henry Venn
Hon. Sec.y Ch. Miss.y Soc.y

The Lord Bishop of Jamaica
&c &c

Rev.d R. Panton

Church Missionary House,
February 25, 1843.

Dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of the 2nd ult., a duplicate of which is enclosed, the following communications from Jamaica have reached us:-

Your Letters Dec. 17/42 & Jan. 10/43.
Rev.d J. F. Sessing's Letter, Dec. 5/42.
—— D.o —— Report of Birnam Wood, Sept./42.
Rev.d C. W. Winckler's Letter, Dec 29/42
—— D.o —— Report of Chichester, Dec/42
Rev J. Cork's Letters, Nov. 12/42 & Jan 17/43.

2. We are quite at a loss to understand why the Rev J. Cork quitted Rural Hill for an Island Curacy at Clarendon & much regret that the Station at Rural Hill should have been thus vacated.

3. With regard to the salary of Mr Cork's successor at Rural Hill we can hold out no expectation of its being borne by the Society. No opportunity however has yet been afforded us of bringing this subject under the consideration of the Com.ee

4. The destitute state of the Woodford Station having been brought under the notice of the Com.ee in a Letter from the Rev J. Cork & a copy of the Petition of the people there to the Bishop of Nov 12/42 for a Teacher, they felt earnestly desirous of meeting the case if it could be done without burden to the funds of the Society. They have therefore offered to the Bishop of Jamaica Mr Francis Redford, provided the Bishop should deem it expedient to ordain Mr Redford, & shall be able to convert Woodford into an Island Curacy, the Society being at no further expense than the Outfit & passage of Mr Redford & his

family. W. H. was formerly employed as a Catechist in Trinidad, but was obliged to return home on account of ill health. He has since been studying in the Institution with a view to Ordination & employment in Sierra Leone. He would, we believe, prove a valuable labourer at the Woodford Station. The Bishop was written to on the subject by the last Mail. From some circumstances however which have since transpired we are doubtful whether the local circumstances of Woodford are such as to admit of its being made an Island Curacy.

5. The Letters of the Revd Messrs Sessing & Wincklar acknowledged above have given us much satisfaction. The details given by Mr Sessing respecting the character & conduct of the Liberated Africans from Sierra Leone in his neighbourhood are peculiarly interesting.

6. We earnestly hope that you may be able to forward the Annual Account Current of the Mission immediately.

We remain, Dear Sir
Very truly Yours

Richard Davies
J. Coates
Secs CMS

Revd Messrs Muhlhauser & Eckel

Church Missionary House,
March 11, 1843.

Dear Brethren,

1. Since we wrote to you on the 24th Oct. last, we have received the Revd J. G. Muhlhauser's Letters of Nov. 9/42 & Jan 11 & 12/43.

2. We only write at present to inform you that by the ship which takes this, the "Venilia", Captn Sutherland, we forward to you the usual Publications to the present date. The Invoice is enclosed.

We remain, Dear Brethren,
Very truly Yours

J. Coates
Sec CMS

Rev. J Cork

Church Missionary House
March 15, 1843.

Dear Sir,

1. We duly received your Letters of Nov. 12th, Jan 17th & the 2d. ult.

2. We very much regret your having drawn on me for a Bill for £50 Sterling as advised in your Letter of the 2d ult. It has placed me in circumstances of much difficulty & embarrassment. I was reluctant to dishonour your Bill, though your drawing it was wholly unauthorized. After much hesitation I have however accepted it, relying on the promises of repayment contained in your Letter. ~~It~~ At the same time it is requisite that you should distinctly understand that any future Bill so drawn by you will be unavoidably dishonoured.

3. We were much surprised to hear of your having quitted Rural Hill. We are still at a loss to account for your having done so, no reason being assigned for ~~your having done so~~ it in either of your Letters. We should infer from that of the 12th Nov that you fully intended continuing at the Station. From the statements contained in that Letter the Comm.rs were prepared to consider the practicability of rendering some assistance in the erection of a dwelling house at Rural Hill, when the Estimates of the coming year should come before them.

4. Though separated from the C.M.S. we are glad that your labours will be continued to the coloured race of Jamaica. May the blessing of God abundantly rest upon them!

I remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours
D. Coates
Secy C.M.S.

Church Missionary House,
March 21, 1843.

W. B. Pollard, Esq

Dear Sir,

1. Since we wrote to you on the 5th Dec. last, the following communications from Demerara have reached us:

Your Letters Dec. 23/42, Jan. 14, & Feb. 3/43.
Mr J. Pollitt's Letter, Jan. 16/43.
Account Current, April to Dec./42
Royal Gazette, Jan. 10/43.

2. We only write at present to inform you that by the ship which takes this, the "Cleopatra", Captn. Rothwell, we forward a Case of Books for the Revd. J. H. Bernau, together with the usual Publications to the present date. The Invoice & Bill of Lading are enclosed.

I remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours,
J Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Church Missionary House
June 15, 1843.

Revd. R. Panton

Dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of the 25th Feb, a duplicate of which Letter is enclosed, the only communication that has reached us from you is your Letter of March 24th.

2. We write to advise you that by the Ship which takes this, the "Mary Ridley", we forward to you the usual publications to the present date. The Invoice is enclosed.

We remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours
J Coates
Sec. CMS

June 15/43, Revd Messrs Muhlhauser & Eckel

Revd Messrs Muhlhauser & Eckel

Church Missionary House,
June 15, 1843.

Dear Brethren,

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of the 11th March, the following communications from you have reached us:-

Revd J. G. Muhlhauser's Letters Feb. 12 & 28/43
Address from the San Fernando Congregation to Mr Muhlhauser
Messrs Mittleman & others to Mr Muhlhauser, Feb 10/43
Revd A. E. Eckel's Letters Mar. 17 & 30/43 with Enclosures.
Returns of Trinidad, Dec /42.
Port of Spain Gazette, Feb 14/43.

2. The Comee have lately had under their consideration your various communications, & on the 6th inst adopted the Resolution copied below. You will perceive that the Comee have been induced to continue the operations of the Society in Trinidad for one year longer on a reduced scale. In coming to this conclusion they have been very much influenced by a desire that your services should if practicable be permanently retained in the Districts with which you are respectively connected. The interval of another year may afford the opportunity of effecting such an arrangement. The course of the local Government will probably be definitively taken as to the provision to be made for Clergymen & for Schools. The Comee were also indisposed to withdraw their aid altogether at the present moment, as we infer there is a prospect from the tenor of Mr Eckel's Letter of the 17th March that you will obtain a salary of £200 Sterling each from the Colonial Treasury. As the Comee have now agreed to your continuance at your present posts for another year from the 1st prox., you will have the goodness to urge on the Government the assignment to you individually of the salaries which it is understood have been granted to the two Stations. A Letter will also be addressed to the Bishop of Barbados by this Packet, soliciting his Lordship's cooperation in furtherance of this object. You will distinctly understand that you are to draw upon us for your salaries only in the event of failing to obtain them from Government. It is also to be distinctly understood that the Comee

grant for your salaries is suspended on the condition of your remaining in your present locations.

3. You will also observe from the Resolution under notice that the Comee have placed at the disposal of each of you for the year for which the salaries apply the sum of £100 Stg. for general purposes in furtherance of the objects of the Mission.

4. It will be further seen from the Comee's Resolution that the total sum to be drawn for as from July 1/43 to June 30/44 must on no account exceed £1200 Stg. Indeed we earnestly hope that as it may not exceed £300 altogether by your obtaining your salaries from the Colonial funds.

5. Though the Comee have felt themselves unable to make any grant out of the Society's funds for school purposes, they have made an application to Lord Stanley for a grant of a portion of the Parliamentary Grant of the present Session for Negro Education for Trinidad. Of the result of this application we hope to inform you by the next Packet.

I remain, Dear Brethren
Very truly Yours
Henry Venn
Richard Davies
D. Coates
Secs CMS
Church Missy House
15 June 1843

Revd J.G. Muhlhauser

My dear Brother Muhlhauser

The Committee have given their best attention to the state of the Trinidad Mission. The decision to which they have come is communicated in our official letter. The Committee are fully sensible of the faithfulness & zeal with which you have laboured at your post, & the [illegible] [illegible]

& preach by you. We deeply regret that any difficulty should have arisen from your foreign denomination, to your being permanently fixed in your present church upon the Island Establishment. We hope that the difficulty may yet be removed, & that their present decision may facilitate this desirable arrangement. I have written to the Bp of Barbadoes by this mail upon the subject.

But there is one point in the case which the Committee much regret, namely that you should have made the kind of public appeal which you have done. & that the tone of your letter to the Bishop was scarcely what it ought to have been. His lordship in his letter to me complains that you have altogether misapprehended his object & have brought the matter before the public in a way by no means commendable.

I trust that on reflection you will have seen the matter in the same light yourself & that you will apologise to the Bp. for any seeming want of respect to his office. I am well assured that it was only "seeming": It was natural that you should feel hurt at the occurrence of such an objection, where your preaching had for so many years been owned & blessed of God.

But my dear brother we have all of us trials of one kind or another & are often touched in the tenderest point. & if we do but grow in meekness & humility under such trials [illegible] with [illegible] for

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all the transient pain we suffer.

If the objection I have alluded to ultimately (contrary to my hope) prevent your remaining at your present post, the Lord will make his will clear to you. To Him let our eyes be directed & let us wait patiently upon him.

With best Christian regards to Eckel believe me dear

Dear Brother, very sincerely yours

Henry Venn

Hon. Sec. Ch. Miss. Socy

Bp. of Barbados

Church Missionary House

June 15. 1843

My Lord Bishop

The Committee have lately taken into consideration the state of the Trinidad Mission. They had before them your Lordship's letters to Mr. Coates of 26 Dec. 1842 & 7 March 1843, together with various communications from the Revd. Messrs Muhlhauser & Eckel.

The Committee deeply regret the financial difficulties in which your Lordship has been involved by the reductions in your resources for the maintenance of the Clergy & schools. They regret also that another unexpected difficulty should have arisen, from the foreign [illegible] of the Missionaries, to their being placed [illegible] the Island Establishment in connection with their present churches & congregations.

The Committee regret also that Mr. Muhlhauser should have acted in a way which your Lordship disapproves. It was certainly very improper to bring the matter before the public. And they trust that he will on reflection acknowledge his error.

The Committee venture to hope that it may yet be in your power to complete the arrangement originally contemplated: as they see no alternative but that of their Missionaries withdrawing from the Island, in case they cannot be continued at their present posts of labor.

With the view of rendering your Lordship any assistance in our power towards the completion of the arrangement the Committee have deemed it advisable to continue the operations of the Society in Trinidad for another year from Midsummer next on a reduced scale, by allowing for that period a salary of £450 Sterling each to Messrs. Muhlhauser & Eckel in their present locations, should they not be able to obtain the stipend which we understand has been assigned by the Trinidad Government for the maintenance of Clergymen at San Fernando & Savanna Grande, & to allow the further sum of £150 each for general purposes in furtherance of the objects of the Mission in those locations.

This decision of the Committee has been communicated by the present mail to our Missionaries at Trinidad.

Mr. Coates had not the opportunity of seeing Sir B. Macleod when he was in this Coun

Trusting that your Lordship may be
& prospered in your high & important st

I am

My Lord

Your very faithful & obedient Servan

Henry Venn

Hon^y Sec^y Ch. Miss Soc^y

Rev^d. J. Stainsby

Church Missionary House,
July 1, 1843.

Dear Sir,

1. We last wrote to you on the 2nd January last

2. We write now in reference to M^r. Henry Taylor, who is stationed at Salt Savannah in your District. You are aware that the Com^ee have made themselves responsible for this Station so long as any part of the Society's operations are continued in Jamaica. Having obtained from Government £300 for Jamaica out of the present year's Parliamentary grant for Negro Education, the Com^ee have appropriated £200 to the payment of Mr Taylor's salary. The remaining £100 the Com^ee propose to divide equally between you & the Revd G. Griffith for educational purposes at the Stations still occupied by the Society in the Island. You will therefore be at liberty to draw on us for £50 & the appropriation of it we particularly recommend to your consideration how you may best render assistance to the Revd C. M. Warde at [illegible] with regard to his Schools. Be so good as to keep an account of the appropriation of the £50, & to transmit it to us for the information of Her Majesty's Government as well as the Com^ee. You will bear in mind that the grant is for the current year only, & that we can give no pledge for its being forthcoming another year.

3. We regret to say that we are still without the Annual Account of the Mission for the year 1842. We earnestly request your assistance in obtaining it, as the absence of it places the Com^ee in a very inconvenient & embarrassing situation.

We remain, Dear Sir

[illegible]
Richard Davies.
D. Coates
Sec^y C.M.S.

P.S. You will probably have heard ere this Letter reaches you that the Bishop of Newfoundland has been translated to the See of Jamaica. Our highly valued friend, the Rev J.M. Trew, is appointed to the new Archdeaconry - that of the Bahamas.

D.C.

Revd C. A. Cooper

Church Missionary House,
July 1, 1843.

Dear Sir

1. I duly received your Letter of the 27th March. I have also received from the Revd E. Hawkins an Extract of your Letter to the Rev M.A. Campbell of the 17th April respecting your position at Rural Hill. Both these communications have been laid before the Committee of the C.M. Society. The Com^ee were distinctly given to understand that they should not be liable to the payment of your salary beyond the first quarter of the current year. It appears however from Mr Hawkins' Letter to me that the late Bishop of Jamaica had made no communication with the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel on the subject of your salary, nor does provision for its payment appear to have been made from any other source. Under these circumstances, & in the vacancy of the See of Jamaica, the Com^ee felt reluctant at once to withhold your salary. They have however directed me to state that they cannot continue the payment of it beyond the end of the present year.

2. The Com^ee have also come to the decision to offer to the Bishop appointed to the See, Dr Spencer from Newfoundland, to send out a Missionary for Rural Hill at the end of the year should his Lordship concur in the arrangement.

3. The Com^ee request you will have the goodness to transmit to them a Return of the Schools at the Station, with such details of its general state as you may be able con-

veniently to furnish.

I remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours

D. Coates
Sec. CMS

Rev. G. Griffiths

Church Missionary House,
July 1, 1843.

Dear Sir,

1. We last wrote to you under date of Oct. 1/42.

2. The Comee having obtained a small Grant for Jamaica out of the Parliamentary Grant of the current year for Negro Education are enabled to place £50 of it at your disposal for the furtherance of education at Moore Town & Rural Hill. You will have the goodness to determine how the £50 can be most advantageously appropriated at those Stations. You be so good as to keep an account of the appropriation of £50, & to transmit it to us for the information of Her Majesty's Government as well as the Comee. You will bear in mind that the Grant is for the current year only, & that we can give no pledge for its being forthcoming another year.

3. You are perhaps aware that the Comee are involved in some embarrassment in consequence of the Revd C. A. Cooper's having been located at Rural Hill by the late Bishop of Jamaica on Mr. Cooke's removal to his present Station. The Bishop pledged the Society for the first quarter's salary to Mr Cooper from Christmas last, intending, as we understood, afterward to provide for Mr. C's salary through the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel or some other means. It appears, however, that at the Bishop's death he had not communicated with the Propagation Society on the subject, nor made provision in any other way for Mr. Cooper's salary. Under these circumstances the Comee have not withheld the payment of Mr Cooper's salary for the succeeding quarter, but they have adopted a Resolution declining to continue the payment of it beyond [illegible]

rest.

4. Bearing in mind the importance of the Rural Hill Station, & the Blessing which appears to have rested on the Society's Missionaries who have been located there, the Com.ee have decided on offering the services of the Rev.d W. Redford to the Bishop of Jamaica for Rural Hill, should his Lordship be prepared to locate Mr R. at Rural Hill. In making this proposal the Com.ee look forward to the Station's being formed into an Island Curacy under the Incumbency of Mr Redford. Mr R. was admitted to Deacon's Orders by the Bishop of London on Trinity Sunday last, the 11th ult., & will be ready to proceed to his destination in October should the Bishop's sanction to the abovementioned arrangement be obtained. Mr Redford was formerly employed as Catechist in Trinidad, & is likely we think to prove a suitable & useful Minister to the Station. Should the arrangement just adverted to take effect, the Com.ee would also be prepared to afford some aid toward the erection of a dwelling house at the Station for the Minister.

5. You will probably have heard ere this Letter reaches you that the Bishop of Newfoundland has been translated to the See of Jamaica. Our highly valued friend, the Rev J. M. Trew, is appointed to the new Archdeaconry - that of the Bahamas.

We remain, Dear Sir
Very truly Yours
Henry Venn
Richard Davies.
D. Coates,
Secs C.M.S.

W. B. Pollard Esq

Church Missionary House,
July 4, 1843.

Dear Sir,

1. We last wrote to you on the 21st March by the "Cleopatra", a duplicate of which Letter is enclosed. The following communications have since reached us from the Mission:—

Your Letter June 2/43
Revd J. Pollitt's Letter, June 1/43
Mr E. Crowther's do April 7/43.

2. We only write now to inform you that by the "Diana", Captn Miller, we forward a Case containing a Parcel for the Revd J. H. Bernau & the usual publications to the present date. The Invoice & Bill of Lading are enclosed.

We remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours
Sec. C.M.S.

Revd Messrs Muhlhauser & Eckel

Church Missionary House,
July 4, 1843.

Dear Brethren,

1. Since we wrote to you on the 16th ult, a duplicate of which Letter is enclosed we have received the Revd J. G. Muhlhauser's Letter of May 12/43.

2. By the ship which takes this, the "Regia", Captn Robinson we forward to you the usual publications to the present date, including copies of the Abstract of the Society's last Report. The Invoice is enclosed.

We remain, Dear Brethren,
Very truly Yours
J Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

W. B. Pollard Esq

Church Missionary House,
July 15, 1843.

Dear Sir,

1. We wrote a few lines to you on the 4th inst by the "Diana". Since then we have received your Letter of the 2nd ult & Mr Pollitt's of the 1st of that month.

2. The Commee have lately had under their consideration the

appropriation to the different Missions of the sum applicable to the expenditure of the year. To the British Guiana Mission they have assigned the sum of £1750. In fixing that sum the Com^ee have assumed that £300 of it will be applicable to the erection of buildings after providing for the present establishment of the Mission. To that extent therefore the Cor. Com^ee will be at liberty to go in the erection of buildings at Warrapoota, provided the balance will provide for the other expenses of the Mission for the year from Aug. 1/43 to July 31/44. We should hope that at all events aid will be obtained from the Colony for the Warrapoota buildings to make up the deficiency, if there should be one, in the Society's grant. With regard to the location which may be fixed upon for the buildings of the Warrapoota Station the Cor. Com^ee are necessarily much better able to judge than we are. The objects to be specially attended to in the selection are, first, salubrity of situation; &, secondly, facility of intercourse with the Indians. It is obviously important that the site should be so chosen as may be most conducive to the permanent welfare of the Mission.

3. With regard to the Revd J. Pollitt's salary we think it will be better that it should remain at £300 according to the present ratio of for the first year. Should it be found at the expiration of that term in the judgment of the Cor. Com^ee insufficient a suitable addition should be made to it. While the Com^ee are very solicitous that due economy should be practised in all branches of the Society's expenditure, they would be sorry that the amount of salary assigned to the Missionary should be inadequate to provide for his health & usefulness.

4. The Com^ee will be prepared to give their best attention to any proposition made to them by the Bishop of Guiana relative to the formation of Mission Stations on the Pomeroon & Demerara Rivers. We do not however perceive that it would be practicable for the Com^ee to occupy any new Station in Guiana unless the means of supporting it should be found in the Colony.

5. We are much concerned from Mr. Pollok's Letter that both he & his family have been suffering in their health. We beg our kind regards to him.

We remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours
Richard Davies.
D. Coates
Secs. C.M.S.

Mr. C. Thwaites

Church Missionary House,
July 15, 1843.

Dear Sir,

Your Letter, without date, respecting the destructive effects of the earthquake on the premises of the C.M.S. at Willoughby Bay, has been communicated to the Comm.ee. As the Comm.ee have no intention of resuming their operations in Antigua, they cannot incur the expence of repairing the buildings. The Comm.ee therefore request that you will have the goodness to sell the materials & the ground for the best price you can get & remit the amount to me.

Having been deeply impressed of the value & faithfulness of your services while connected with the C.M. Society, it was gratifying to me again to recognise your handwriting, though the occasion of the renewal of your correspondence was so painful a one. With best wishes for your future welfare & usefulness,

I remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Rev. J. Stainsby

Church Missionary House,
July 15, 1843.

Dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of the 1st Inst., a duplicate of which is enclosed, yours of the 30th May has reached

2. Our last Letter will have apprised you that the Comee had placed £50 at your disposal for educational purposes out of the Parliamentary Grant for the current year. In reporting that circumstance we suggested its appropriation to Chichester. In consequence of what you have stated respecting Church Hill we wish you to consider yourself at liberty to appropriate the whole or any part of it to that Station.

3. With regard to Iron for the Church at Chichester we cannot give you a reply at present, but hope to do so by the next Mail.

We remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours

J. Coates
Secy C.M.S.

Revd Messrs Muhlhauser & Eckel

Church Missionary House,
July 15, 1843.

Dear Brethren,

1. Since we addressed you on the 15th ult. Mr Muhlhauser's Letter of the 12th May has reached us.

2. We were much rejoiced to learn from Mr Muhlhauser's Letter that the visit of the Bp. of Barbados to your Stations has led to his sanctioning your continuance at them. This will, we presume, secure to you the salary of £450 Stg. each set apart for the District by the Colony. Under these circumstances you of course will not draw upon the Society for £900 provisionally granted to the Mission by the Comee for the year July 1/43 to June 30/44.

3. We mentioned in our last Letter that the Comtee had made an application to Lord Stanley for a grant to the Mission out of the ~~sum~~ sum voted by Parliament this Session for Negro Education. Since we wrote his Lordship's reply has been received, sanctioning a grant for the current year of £1087. 10. 0. We assume that this sum will cover a large

part, if not the whole, of the sum of £300 authorized by our last Letter for general purposes, & that the funds of the Society may be spared almost altogether with regard to Trinidad. Be so good as to keep a separate Account of the appropriation in detail of the sum of £1087.10.0 above mentioned, & to transmit it to us at the expiration of the year June 30/44 for the information of Her Majesty's Government as well as the Comtee. You will understand that not only the salaries of Masters & Mistresses, but school materials & contingencies are chargeable to the £1087.10.0.

4. It is the decided wish of the Comee, as [illegible] indeed has been repeatedly stated, that you should both remain in your present Stations. As matters now stand there seems no obstacle to the accomplishment of it.

We remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours
Richard Davies
D. Coates
Secs. CMS

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Revd Messrs Muhlhauser & Eckel

Church Missionary House,
August 17, 1843

Dear Brethren,

1. Since we wrote to you on the 15th ult a duplicate of which Letter is enclosed, no communication from you has reached us.

2. By this ship, the "Chance", Captn Harris, we forward to you the usual publications to the present date, including copies of the Annual Report. The Invoice is enclosed.

We remain, Dear Brethren,
Very truly Yours,

200 Sep.r 7/43 Rev.d Mess.rs Muhlhauser & Eckel

Rev.d Mess.rs Muhlhauser & Eckel

Church Missionary House
Sept. 6. 1843.

Dear Brethren,—

1. Since we wrote to you on the 17th ult., ~~a duplicate of which letter is enclosed~~, no communication from you has reached us.

2. The letter from the Bp. Barbados which his Lordship led you to expect that he should address to us, has reached us since we last wrote. It was very gratifying to the Comm.ee to receive from the Bishop so satisfactory a testimony to your character & labours as that contained in his letter. The Comm.ee were too glad to learn that the Bishop approved of your continuance at your respective Stations, & the assignment to you thereat of the salary of £150 sterling each, granted respectively for the Districts of San Fernando & Savana Grande. This we think, removes all doubt or question as to your remaining at your respective posts. You will, therefore, cease to stand to the Society in the relation of Missionaries from the date at which the Colonial Salary commences, which was, we believe, on the 1st of April last & thenceforward occupy the position of Col.l Clergymen.

3. The Bishop agreeably to his promise to you has recommended the Comm.ee to allow you each £100 p ann. in addition to your Salary from the Col. Government. His Lordship recommends this addition to what appears to be a rather large salary on the ground that both of you will continue to have labour of a Missionary kind to perform:- Mr. Muhlhauser in the direction of La Brea, Ycacos & Erin, & Mr. Eckel to the South of the Island from Moruga inclusively eastward. To this recommendation the Comm.ee have acceded, for the present year. You will therefore be at liberty to draw on us for £100 ster.g each for the year commencing on the 1st of April. Though however the Comm.ee have made this grant for one year only, they hold themselves at

liberty to consider the case should reason appear for continuing the grant, or a portion of it, beyond the year. It is however, as you are well aware, the object of the Comm. to disconnect themselves from Schools altogether. Form

4. From the Bishop's statement we anticipate that his Lordship will be enabled to take the Schools off the Society's hands at the close of the current year. May 30/63.

5. We scarcely need add that we shall still regard you with strong feelings of esteem & affection, & shall still hope to hear from time to time what the Lord is doing for you and by you. May His blessing increasingly rest upon you, in your own soul, your family & your work!

We remain dear Brother

Truly Yours

Richard Davies

for Comm.

Sec CMS

W. B. Pollard, Esq

Church Missionary House

Sept. 1. 1863.

Dear Sir, –

1. Since the despatch of our letter of the 15th of July, a duplicate of which is enclosed, we have received the following communications from the Mission: –

Rev. J. H. Bernau's letter, Jan. 2/63.
Your letter of July 4/63
Rev. J. Pollitt's letter to you, June 26/63

2. In our letter of 15th July we apprised you of the ~~sum~~ sum assigned by the Comm. for the support of the Brit. Guiana Mission for the Year 1863 – [illegible], & of the sum out of it which we assumed to be applicable to the erection of a house for Rev. J. Pollitt at Waraputa. We also expressed the hope that the additional sum which might be required to complete the erection of the house might be obtain

from the Colony. Your letter of 10 July has brought the subject again under the consideration of the Comm. As the erection of the house is an indispensable condition of the occupation of Waraputa as a Station, & as the matter is one of urgency the Comm. have now authorised the expenditure on the house on account of the Society of a sum not exceeding £500. In other words you are ~~not~~ authorised to draw upon us if necessary for the sum of £200 in addition to the sum of £1730 mentioned in our letter 15 of July. The Comm. however rely on the Gov. Comm.rs using every effort in their power to draw from the funds of the Colony as large a portion as possible of the cost of the house. How much more do they owe to the Aborigines whom they have dispossessed of their lands & wasted almost to extermination by the vices & diseases which they have introduced among them.

3. The loss of property incurred by Mr Pollitt in ascending the River is serious; but we have reason to be thankful that his life was preserved. We think it clear from this disaster that special care ought to be taken in ascending the river, & that no unnecessary risk ought on any account to be incurred by attempting to pass the Rapids under circumstances unnecessarily to add to the danger. With regard to the loss sustained by Mr Pollitt the Comm. refer it to the Gov. Comm. to make him such a compensation as, on a full view of the case, they may consider him to be fairly ~~& again~~ equitably entitled to. Have the goodness to report to us the amount which may be awarded to Mr P., & how far it can be provided for out of the grant to the Mission.

5. The Comm. have felt much concern at Mr Christian's dissatisfaction with his position at Bart. Grove. We cannot divest ourselves of the impression that he is groundlessly dissatisfied. As however there is we fear no prospect of his going on comfortably there, & as the Rev. J. H. Bernau acquiesces, all things considered, in his removal

the Comm.rs have sanctioned that step. From the information before them the Comm.rs are of opinion that Mr. C. might be advantageously located at Oxford. In this arrangement we are given to understand, that Mr. C. concurs. A dwelling house for Mr. C. might we are told be put up at a small cost. The Gov. Comm.e therefore will have the goodness to take the necessary steps to carry this arrangement into effect.

We remain dear Sir

Truly Yours

Richard Davies

D. Coates

Secs. CMS

Rev. R. Panton

Church Miss.y House

Sept. 1. 1843.

Dear Sir,

1 Since the despatch of our letter of the 15th of June, we have received your letters of May 12/43 & July 18/43.

2 We were certainly disappointed by being drawn upon again to the extent of £125 as advised in your letter of 18 July. We trust that this will be the last draft made upon us on account of the Jamaica Mission.

3. The expense on account of Buildings at the Grove exceeds what we anticipated. You say in your letter of 18th July "I was very unwilling to undertake the Buildings at all." This language would seem only applicable to new erections. Our engagement with the Mico Commissioners however, was only to put the existing Buildings in proper repair: Be so good as to explain this point.

4. The appointment of Rev. J. M. Trew to the Archdeaconry of the Bahamas has led the Mico Commissioners to invest him with full authority "to control and manage on their behalf the affairs of the Normal School at the Grove in the Island of Jamaica." In

this arrangement the Com.ee of the C. M. S. have acquiesced.

5. We regret to have again to remind you that we are still without the Account Current of the Mission for the Year 1842, & the Returns of the Stations for that period.

6. We beg also to remind you that we have not hitherto received the Statement in detail of the appropriation of the sums assigned to the Society out of the Parliamentary Grants for the years 1837, 1838, 1839, & 1840, which has been called for by Her Majesty's Government. This subject was brought under your notice in our letter March 31/42, & a form of Return was forwarded to you. We earnestly request that these Returns may be immediately transmitted to us. The absence of them for so long a period places the Com.ee in a very inconvenient situation with regard to H. M. Government who trusted these monies to their disposal.

We remain, dear Sir,

Truly Yours

Dandeson
Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

W. B. Pollard Esq

Sept. 4. 1843.
Church Missionary House

Dear Sir,

Since we wrote to you on the 1st Inst., a duplicate of which letter is enclosed, no communication from you has reached us.

By this ship the "Ellen", Capt. McEachern, we forward to you the usual publications to the present date. The Invoice is enclosed.

We remain, dear Sir

Truly Yours

D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

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Church Missionary House
Lord Bishop of Barbadoes London 15 Sepr 1843

My Lord

I beg to acknowledge your Lordships very gratifying & kind letter of 17th June. We are most thankful for the testimony which you have given to the success of the labors of the Missionaries of the Society in Trinidad. It is peculiarly gratifying when the Society is obliged to withdraw its' support & to make over its' establishments to the local authorities, to be able to deliver up its' charge in so satisfactory a condition. We shall not cease to regard these fields of labor with peculiar interest: & to pray that the divine blessing may abundantly rest upon them & upon all other parts of those countries which were so long the seats of oppression: but which now happily enjoy the double blessing of temporal & spiritual freedom.

Your Lordships' letter has anticipated some of the points referred to in my letter to you of the 15th June, which crossed yours to me. We are very thankful to find that Messrs Muhlhauser & Eckel have been fixed at their stations, upon the Island Establishment. The Comee have determined, in compliance with your Lordships' suggestion to grant them 100£ each for the present year, for Missionary labor.

With respect to the Schools in Trinidad we are happy to say that the Government grant of £ 1087.10.0, which we have received, will cover the expences of the current year; that is until Midsummer 1844 -

The Committee have also determined to comply with your Lordship's proposal "that the Buildings should at the close of the year become Ecclesiastical property, in trust for the purposes of their erection".

We shall be most happy to receive any further communication from your Lordship upon these subjects, as you have kindly given us reason to expect.

Praying that you may have strength for the performance of your high & arduous duties
I beg to remain
with great respect
Your very faithful & obedt. Servant
Henry Venn
Hon^y. Sec^y. Ch. Miss^y Soc^y

Rev^d J Stainsby

Church Missionary House
Sept. 23. 1843.

Dear Sir,-

We write to advise you of the shipment p. the Water Lily, Capt Hart, of the usual publications to the present date, with copies of the Society's 43d. Report. The Invoice is enclosed.

I remain, dear Sir
Truly Yours

Bp of Jamaica

Church Missionary House
London 2 Oct 1843.

My Lord

I have to communicate with your Lordship upon a subject on which I wrote to the late Bishop of Jamaica in February last but which remained unsettled at the time of his Lordship's decease.

When the Society determined to withdraw its operations from the Island of Jamaica the Bishop kindly promised to use his utmost endeavours to convert the chief Missionary Stations into Island Curacies, & to appoint the Missionaries of the Society to them — thus preserving the connection which had been formed between the Missionary Pastors & their flocks.

There are two of the late Stations of the Society about which the Committee have felt peculiar anxiety namely Woodford & Rural hill — & upon understanding that the former Station had been left vacant, the Committee offered to send out a Missionary to occupy it, if the Bishop should be able to turn the Station into an Island Curacy & give the appointment to the Individual so sent out.

We have since been informed that it was impracticable to make Woodford an Island Curacy

In the course of our communications it appeared however that Rural hill might become an Island Curacy, & that the Society's late Missionary Mr. Cork had been removed to the Curacy at Clarendon. The Committee have therefore determined to transfer the offer, which they made to the late Bishop respecting Woodford, to Rural Hill: that is, the Committee will bear the expence of sending out the Revd. Francis Redford (formerly employed as a Catechist in Trinidad & admitted to Deacon's orders by the Bp. of London on Trinity Sunday) to Rural Hill if your Lordship shall be able to arrange for Mr. Redford's being placed upon the establishment of the Island, so that the Society may be relieved from further expence in connection with the Station.

The Committee have been informed that the late Bishop appointed as a temporary arrangement the Revd. C. A. Cooper at Rural Hill & that Mr. C. was to draw upon the Society for one quarter's salary. In consequence of the decease of the late Bishop the Comee. determined to continue Mr. Cooper's salary till the end of this year, in the hope that the arrangement respecting Mr. Redford may be completed but the Committee cannot continue the payment to Mr. Cooper beyond the limit assigned.

Mr. Redford upon his return from Trinidad completed his studies in our College at Islington & the Society feel every confidence in recommending him to your Lordship.

I cannot conclude without expressing the satisfaction of the Society at your Lordships accession to the important See of Jamaica & our humble trust that not only the churches in that Island but also the rising though infant churches on the Coast of West Africa may the experience the benefit of this auspicious appointment

I have the honor to be
My Lord
Your Lordship's very faithful
& obedient Servant
Henry Venn
Hon. Secy. Ch. Miss. Socy.

The Lord Bishop
of Jamaica

Revd. C. A. Cooper

Church Missionary House,
November 1, 1843.

My dear Sir,

1. Your Letter of Sept. 11/43 duly reached me & I immediately communicated it to the Comee. of the C.M.S. The absence of the Bishop from his Diocese has rendered it impracticable for the Comee. to receive from his Lordship a reply to their communication respecting Hazel Hill. As the advanced period of the year renders it now impracticable for them to communicate with you before the end of the year after they shall have received it so that their Letter could reach you by Christmas, they have directed me to state that they authorize you to draw on them for your salary for the first quarter of the ensuing year, that is, to Lady-day 1844. In other respects things remain on the footing on which they were placed in my last Letter. We shall of course communicate with you again as soon as we shall have heard from the Bishop of Jamaica & the Comee's course thereupon shall have been decided.

2. It was gratifying to the Comee. to receive so favourable a Report of the Station. They request you will have the goodness to furnish them with a detailed Report of the Station to the end of the year immediately after its conclusion, including the number of

Schools, scholars, attendants on public worship, &c.

I remain, My dear Sir
Very truly Yours

D. Coates
Sec CMS.

Bishop of Antigua

Church Missionary House
London 1 Nov 1843

My Lord

Your Lordship's letter of August 25th transmitting an application from the Archdeacon of St. Christophers that the Society should allow a salary to Mr. Rock who is labouring in the Island of Anguilla – has been brought under the consideration of the Committee.

But I regret to say that with the sincere desire of giving the utmost weight to a recommendation coming from your Lordship, & fully appreciating the importance of the application, they have nevertheless felt themselves obliged to decline it.

The Committee regard themselves as pledged in many ways to enter upon no new undertaking in the West Indies. Indeed they we have been compelled to withdraw from the Stations we once occupied in a far more precipitate manner than we had desired or than we should have been justified in doing except under the pressure of our financial difficulties.

I am
My Lord
Your very faithful servant
Henry Venn
Sec.y Church Miss.y Soc.y

To the Lord Bishop
of Antigua

Rev.d G. Griffiths

Church Missionary House,
November 1, 1843.

My dear Sir,

You are no doubt aware that on the Rev.d J. Horke removal from Rural Hill the late Bishop placed the Rev.d C. A. Cooper there without previous communication with the Com.ee & subject as to the payment of the salary. Having no knowledge of Mr. Cooper the Com.ee felt considerable hesitation as to the payment of his salary, but on the whole deemed it advisable to do so to the end of the present year rather than risk the Station's being wholly unprovided for. They at the same time decided on sending out the Rev.d F. Redford to occupy Rural Hill, should the present Bishop concur in his being placed there. The absence of the Bishop from the Diocese has prevented their yet receiving his reply. Under these circumstances they have agreed to continue Mr. Cooper's salary for another quarter in the full expectation that they shall be able to apprise him of the result of their communication with the Bishop before Lady day. In the mean time we have received a Letter from Mr. Cooper expressing an earnest desire not to be removed from Rural Hill. The character of his Letter is satisfactory, though it is not explicit as to his views of evangelical truth. As he appears to be attached to the people & the people to him, his removal would be obviously undesirable, if he is really acting on those principles which it is the object of the CMS to maintain. We shall therefore feel greatly obliged if you will have the goodness to communicate with us unreservedly on this head. I would farther request your reply by the first packet after this reaches you, as it is important to us to be in a situation to decide respecting Rural Hill as early as possible.

Will you at the same time give me your views as to the importance absolutely & relatively of Church Hill & Woodford as Stations & what prospect there is of either or both of them being converted into Island Curacies? I wish for this information in case it should become a question - in the event of Mr Cooper's remaining at Rural Hill - whether it would be advisable to send out Mr Redford to either of those Stations. Or is there any other unprovided Station of still more importance?

The Comee did not feel it right to allow the passage money of the Lady betrothed to the Revd T. Gibson, but they have agreed to advance it on loan. I expect our friend Archd Trew will arrange the matter for her.

I remain, My dear Sir
Very truly Yours
D. Coates
Sec CMS.

W. B. Pollard Esq

Church Missionary House
Nov 25 1843

Dear Sir

1. Since the despatch of our Letter Sept 1/43 we addressed to you a short Letter Sept 4 covering the transmission of our usual publications. We have now to acknowledge the followg communication

from the Mission:–

Your Letters of Sept 2 & Oct 4/43, with the communications which they respectively covered.

2. We were very much concerned to learn from your last Letter that the Revd J. Pollitt's health had become so seriously affected as to compel him to quit Waraputa & return to England. Under the circumstances of the case his relinquishment of his post was unavoidable, & perhaps his return to England was in the actual state of his health called for. We anticipate however that he may find considerable difficulty in getting employment in England; for we fear that after his health has thus broken down a second time there is no prospect of his going out again in connexion with the Society. We have this morning received a Letter from Mr P. reporting his arrival in Liverpool, & that his health had considerably benefitted by the voyage.

3. It is very painful to contemplate the relinquishment of our operations in the interior; but we fear this is unavoidable. We have not however, had yet an opportunity of taking the judgment of the Comtee on the subject.

4. We are feeling some uneasiness at the amount of expenditure already incurred this year on account of the British Guiana Mission. In our Letter June 15/42 we apprised you that the sum allotted to the British Guiana Mission for the year commencing Aug. 1/42 was £1655. The amount of the Bills already presented, drawn by you subsequently to Aug 1/42 & extending to July 15/43, is £2069. 3. 6, being an excess over the authorized sum of £414. 3. 6. We are the more perplexed at this occurrence as you stated in your Letter of July 29/42 "I think we can manage with the sum allotted to us." Be so good as to explain how the excess has arisen. We rather infer that it has been occasioned by some outstanding demands on the Cor: Comte. Aug 1/42, at which period the new financial year commenced. We assume that the sum allotted for the current

year, £1750, will not be required by something considerable in consequence of the return home of Mr Pettitt & his family & the £300 included in it for buildings at Warrasputa not having been required.

We remain, Dear Sir
Very truly Yours

Richard Davies
D. Coates
Secs. C.M.S.

Ven Archdeacon Trew

Church Missionary House,
November 28, 1843.

My dear Sir,

Previous to your departure to the Bahamas it may be convenient to you to receive a copy of the Resolution of the Comee of the Church Missionary Society relative to the Society's Buildings at the Grove, Jamaica, in which the Normal School of the Mico Commissioners is carried on. It is dated Aug. 8/43, & is in these terms:-

That Archdeacon Trew be informed that in the event of the Mico Commissioners placing the administration of the affairs of the Normal School at the Grove in his hands, the Comee will very willingly acquiesce in that arrangement.

The Comee understand that the Mico Commissioners have placed the administration of their affairs in Jamaica in your hands as contemplated by their Resolution. You will therefore be fully authorised to act in reference to the Buildings at the Grove in furtherance of the use of the Buildings by the Mico Commissioners sanctioned by the Comee Aug. 2/42 as you may deem expedient. You will have the goodneſs to bear in mind that the Buildings are to be kept in repair by the Mico Commiſsioners, & the Comee request that you will on their behalf kindly take measures that this condition of the arrangement may be duly fulfilled.

With our best wishes & prayers for your future uſefulneſs,

We remain,
Very truly Yours,
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Rev. Meſs. Muhlhauser & Eckel

Church Miſsionary House,
January 1, 1844.

Dear Brethren,

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of Sept. 1/43 the following communications from you have reached us:-

Rev. J. G. Muhlhauser's Letters, July 26, Oct. 14, & 21/43
Accounts Current of the Miſs. Jan to June /43.
Return of Schools at San Fernando, June/43.

2. Since we last wrote we have ascertained from the Colonial Office that the Act of the Local Legislature aſsigning salaries to Clergymen of the Districts of San Fernando & Savanna Grande has been confirmed by Lord Stanley. You will therefore have the goodneſs to preſs His Excellency the Governor for the payment to you of the salary thus aſsigned from the 1st April last, the date from which we understand that it was by act of Council commenced. Under the circumstances of the case you appear to be equitably entitled to the salary from that date from the Act of the Government itself, & we trust therefore that the payment of it will be no longer withheld. We donot doubt that the Bishop of Barbados will, if needful, support you in this application. We would suggest therefore your applicat

to his Lordship for that purpose. The amount received you will of course carry to the credit of the Society & draw so much less on account of the ~~[illegible]~~ £1087.10.0 Government grant for educational purposes.

3. We were glad to learn that the Revd. R.D. Woodman is associated with ~~you~~ Mr Muhlhauser as assistant Curate. We trust that this arrangement will be conducive to their mutual comfort & usefulness. We beg you will give our kind regards to him, & assure him of our prayers that he may experience much of the Divine blessing throughout his ministerial course.

We remain, Dear Brethren,
Very truly Yours
H Venn
D. Coates
Secs CMS

W. B. Pollard Esq

Church Missionary House,
January 9, 1844.

Dear Sir,

1. Since we wrote to you on the 25 Nov. last, a duplicate of which Letter is enclosed, we have received your Letter of the 3rd of that month & one from the Revd. J.H. Bernau, dated Oct. 22/43.

2. We only write now to advise of a shipment by the "Camillus", Captn Mules, of the usual publications to the present date. The Invoice is enclosed.

We remain, Dear Sir
Very truly Yours
D. Coates
Sec CMS

Revd Messrs Muhlhauser & Hekel, Jan 9/44
Revd R Panton, Jan 13/44

Revd Messrs Muhlhauser & Hekel

Church Missionary House,
January 9, 1844.

Dear Brethren,

1. No communication from you has reached us since we wrote to you on the 1st Inst., a duplicate of which Letter is enclosed.

2. We write now to advise you of a shipment by the "Ocean" of the usual publications to the present date. The Invoice is enclosed.

I remain, Dear Brethren,
Very truly Yours
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Ind.

Revd R Panton

Church Missionary House,
January 13, 1844.

Dear Sir,

1. Since we wrote to you on the 1st of Sept. last we have received your Letter of the 7th of that month.

2. Mr Forsyth has applied to us for the sum of £40 which he has paid for Mr W. Forbes' passage money, the repayment of which to him had been authorized by the Comee here. In our Letter to you Aug 26/34, par. 2, we stated "that the Comee of Correspondce had agreed to pay Mr W. Forbes' passage money, £40, as recommended by the Jamaica Comee". Mr Forsyth does not seem to be clear that the money was not paid, though his impression is that it was not. The presumption is, that the payment of it having been sanctioned by the Parent Comee was made in due course by the Jamaica Comee. Unhappily the Account Current of the Mission for the years 1832 - 1834 never reached us. We have not therefore the means of deciding whether the payment was actually made or not. We must therefore request you will be so good to investigate the matter & to let us know how the fact stands.

3. We find a sum due to the Society from the Rev. C May. We enclose a statement of the Account, which we request you will forward to him for payment.

4. A balance also appears in our Books to be due from the Rev. J. Stainsby. We enclose a statement of the Account, & request you will communicate with him on the subject.

5. Your own Account with the Society does not appear to have been closed. We therefore enclose a statement of it, to which we beg your attention.

We remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours

D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

W. B. Pollard, Esq

Church Missionary House,
Feb 1, 1844.

Dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of Nov 25/43 we have received the following communications from the Mission

Your Letters of Nov. 3 & Dec 4/43
Rev J. H. Bernau's Letter, Oct 22/43
Mr E. Christian's Letter, Nov. 25/43.

2. The communications which have reached us from you since the despatch of our Letter of the 25th Nov. has brought the question respecting Warraputa fully under the view of the Comee. The decision to which they came is contained in the following Resolution:–

"That the Comee sanction Mr Christian's being located at Warraputa with a view to its permanently occupied as a Station of the Society, should the means of the Society & the prospects of the Mission be such as, in the judgment of the Comee, to render such a course advisable."

Pledged as the Comee previously were to the occupation of Warraputa, & having actually in hand the sum of £500 granted by the Court of Policy for the erection of buildings there on behalf of the Mission, they felt that if they had an Agent disposable for Warrapula they were bound to proceed. Oujah being found ineligible, & Mr. Christian being willing to go to Warrapula, this difficulty is removed. They have therefore sanctioned his proceeding thither & recommencing Missionary labours at that place. In doing so two things should be observed:- 1. That he goes at the most favourable season of the year with regard to health so as to settle himself there under the most favourable circumstances. 2. That the most salubrious spot is chosen for the site of the Mission. We cannot doubt that the swamp in the vicinity of the old site must in certain states of the wind have had a very injurious influence on the health of European residents. This point therefore must be carefully considered. Suitableness also with regard to land for cultivation & other circumstances calculated to conciliate & meet the views of the Indians must not be lost sight of. We think it would be very desirable that Mr. Bernau should accompany Mr. Christian in visiting Warrapula & searching for a suitable site for a Station. His judgment & long & intimate acquaintance with the mind, habits, & manners of the Indians would, we conceive, be a great advantage in these initiatory proceedings.

3: In the outset we think that the outlay for buildings should be no greater than the health of the Missionary & his family & the bringing his labours advantageously to bear on the Indian population may require. The Cor: Comee will have the goodness to decide what buildings are necessary & to limit the cost of their erection.

4. We have entertained some doubt whether the Revd J H Bernau's engagement at the Penal Settlement may not either interfere with his Missionary duties or impose such additional labour upon him as to break down his health & strength. We should be glad to know the views of the Cor Comee on this point.

5. In the P.S. of Mr Bernau's Letter above acknowledged he says

There are some three or four poor sufferers involved in Mr Pollett's disaster; justice & equity dictate that the trifling, but to them great, loss should be made up to them. Will you have the goodness to ascertain more precisely what it is to which Mr Bernau refers: If the Cor Com:ee think the parties referred to are entitled to compensation for their loss it should be made to them.

6. We may observe farther that after what has passed with regard to our movements in the interior the Com:ee have deemed it requisite to reserve to themselves the exercise of their judgment as to their future course with regard to Warrapota.

We remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours
Richard Davies.
Sec. CMS

Church Miss: House
London 31 Jan: 1844

The Lord Bishop of Guiana

My Lord

The Committee have felt very great regret at the return of Mr. Pollett. They had anticipated his labouring at Warrapota for many years, hoping that his constitution had been sufficiently seasoned in a tropical climate, & relying upon the zeal & perseverance which he had manifested in Jamaica. His health appears however to have given way to a serious extent — and Dr. Todd, a Physician of eminence who kindly advises the Com:ee respecting the health of our Missionaries, does not hold out the prospect of his being able to bear a tropical climate. We shall have much difficulty & perplexity, should his health be sufficiently restored to allow of his taking duty again, in assigning him a sphere of labor.

The Committee have taken into consideration the late communications which they have received from Mr. Pollard, respecting the occupation of the Station of Warra puta by Mr. E. Christian; — including a letter from your Lordship to Mr. Bernau on the subject: & the Committee have sanctioned the plan.

We ~~do~~ are not sufficiently informed of Mr. Christian's attainments, or of his general qualifications, to propose his being admitted into holy orders. On this point we shall feel very thankful for your Lordship's counsel. Judging upon general grounds it would certainly appear desirable that he should be ordained, & enabled to discharge all the functions of a Missionary.

May I take the liberty of requesting your Lordship to furnish me with some testimonial of Mr. Pollitt's conduct while in your Diocese, which will be necessary for his reception by any other Colonial Bishop.

I have the honor to be

My Lord
Your very faithful Servt
Henry Venn
Hon Sec: Ch. Miss Socy.

The Lord Bishop
of Jamaica
&c &c

Church Missy House
London 31 Jany 1844

My Lord

I have the honor to acknowledge your Lordship's letter of 20 Novr & to convey the cordial thanks of the Committee for the very friendly sentiments towards the Society which it contains.

I can assure your Lordship that the Committee look back with very deep regret upon their relinquishment, or rather upon the circumstances connected with their relinquishment of the Jamaica Mission. The West Indian Mission was originally undertaken in dependence upon a special fund which would have prevented its expence falling upon the general funds of the Society, for which Africa & the East have the first claim. The special fund soon failed, & the expenditure in the West Indies very far exceeded any previous expectation. Under the pressure therefore of an accumulating debt the Committee were compelled to stop this expenditure, & they had reason to hope that upon the withdrawal of their funds the work in which they had been engaged would still be carried forward by other supplies. The Committee have bitterly felt the disappointment of these hopes. But

I fear that it will be impossible even with our present improved financial prospects to resume to any extent the Mission in Jamaica. As far as the Committee have felt it possible to go, they have willingly done, in Mr. Cooper's case, and I trust that the Resolution which I enclose will at once relieve your Lordship from anxiety as to his support. It is right to mention to your Lordship that the late Bp. of Jamaica stated in an interview with Committee in London that he regarded Rural Hill as having the first claim among the stations of the Society to be formed into an Island Curacy.

The Resolution respecting Mr. Redford has been adopted with the same earnest desire, to meet as far as possible your Lordship's stirring appeal, without violating the pledge we have given in our late Reports, to withdraw our expenditure from the West Indies as having a parochial ministerial provision upon the strength of which pledge amongst others, our friends have exerted themselves in so noble a manner to relieve the Society from it's financial difficulties. Prattville & Siloah have been mentioned to us as the most important stations to be re occupied in case your Lordship is able to encourage us to send out Mr. Redford on the terms proposed in the Resolution.

I beg to assure your Lordship in conclusion that though the Committee have withdrawn its expenditure from your Diocese we shall ever cherish the liveliest interest & sympathy in its' spiritual welfare & that our best prayers accompany your Lordship in the arduous work over which you have been called to preside

I have the honor to be
Your Lordships' very faithful
& obedient Servant
Henry Venn
Hon. Sec. Ch. Miss Soc.

Revd G. Griffiths

Church Missionary House,
February 1, 1844.

My dear Sir,

1. Your Letter of Dec 6/43 afforded the Comttee strong satisfaction by the report which you are enabled to make to us respecting the Revd C. A. Cooper. Under the circumstances which you have stated the Comttee can have no wish but that the people of Rural Hill may continue to enjoy the full benefit of Mr Cooper's ministerial services. They have therefore adopted the following Resolution in reference to Mr Cooper & Rural Hill –

"That adverting to the principle already adopted by the Comee in relinquishing the Society's operations in Jamaica, Mr Cooper's salary be continued for the present to be paid by the Society, the Comttee looking forward in the confidence, as well as from the statements of the late Bishop as from those of the present Bishop in his Letter of Nov 20/43, that Rural Hill will be constituted an Island Curacy as soon as circumstances will permit, or that some other provision will be made whereby the funds of the Society may be relieved altogether from being charged with Mr Cooper's salary

You will see from this Resolution that while the Com^ee continue Mr. Cooper's salary for the present they do so in confidence that it is only a temporary arrangement & that provision for his salary will be made as soon as practicable either by Naval Hill being constituted an Island Curacy or by the salary being derived from some other source. Should it fall within your power to forward this object we shall feel greatly obliged by your doing so.

2. Mr. Cooper's continuance at Naval Hill places the Com^ee in some difficulty with regard to the disposal of the Rev^d. F. Redford. The course to which the Com^ee felt bound to take with regard to Jamaica in relinquishing the Society's operations there you are well aware of & it has been made public in our Annual Reports. The same general views influenced the Com^ee as when their decision was originally taken. On the other hand Mr. Redford's mind has been directed to Jamaica & he was admitted to Deacon's Orders by the Bishop of London declaredly with a view to Jamaica. He also seems to possess some peculiar qualifications for ministerial usefulness there. Added to this the Com^ee are deeply concerned at the privation of religious instruction experienced by the people at several hopeful Stations from which the Society's Teachers have been withdrawn. They feel therefore still disposed to sanction Mr. Redford's proceeding to Jamaica should a prospect be held out that a Station formerly occupied by the Society at which he might be located being eventually formed into an Island Curacy or of Mr. Redford's salary being otherwise provided for. They have therefore adopted the following Resolution:-

"That adverting to all the circumstances of Mr. Redford's case, the Com^ee are of opinion that he should be located in Jamaica, at a Station formerly occupied by the Society, & his salary for a time paid by the Com^ee, in case the Bp. of Jamaica should be able to hold out the prospect of eventually forming the Station at which Mr. Redford may be placed into an Island Curacy, or of otherwise providing for Mr. Redford's salary."

This Resolution is forwarded to the Bishop by this Mail. We should be glad if you would enter into communication with his Lordship on the subject with a view to Mr Redford being located at one of the vacated Stations where he would most likely to be extensively useful & the Society to be relieved from the payment of his salary.

3. The Resolution relative to Mr Cooper & Rural Hill is also forwarded to the Bishop by this Mail.

With grateful acknowledgments for your long & valued services in the cause of the Society in Jamaica, & best wishes & prayers for your welfare & usefulness,

I remain, My dear Sir,
Very truly Yours
D. Coates
Secy. C.M.S.

P.S. Will you have the goodness to remind the Revd J. Gibson that we get no information from him respecting his proceedings at Moore Town. The Comee. look for the regular transmission of Quarterly Reports both from him & Mr Cooper so long as their salaries are paid by the Society.

Revd. C. A. Cooper

Church Missionary House,
February 1, 1844.

My dear Sir,

1. From the tenor of our Letter of Nov 1/43 you will naturally be solicitous to learn the decision of the Comee. as to their future course respecting Rural Hill.

2. The Letter of the Bp of Jamaica which we were expecting at the despatch of our last Letter did not reach us till the close of the year. From that Letter it appeared that his Lordship is unable at present to constitute Rural Hill an Island Curacy, or to provide otherwise for your salary. The testimony, too, which the Comee. have received of the value of your ministerial services to the people under your charge has afforded them strong satisfaction. Under these circumstances they on the 23rd ult. adopted the following Resolution:—

"That adverting to the principle already adopted by the Comee. in relinquishing the Society's operations in Jamaica, Mr Cooper's salary be continued for the present to be paid by the

Society, the Comee looking forward in the confidence, as well as from the statements of the late Bishop as from those of the present Bishop in his Letter of Nov. 20/43, that Rural Hill will be constituted an Island Curacy as soon as circumstances will permit, or that some other provision will be made whereby the funds of the Society may be relieved altogether from being charged with Mr Cooper's salary."

This Resolution is transmitted to the Bp. of Jamaica by this Mail. The arrangement made in it is declaredly temporary & in confidence that means will be found as early as practicable to relieve the C.M.S. from charge on account of the Station. I need scarcely add that any thing which can be done on your part to carry out the views of the Comee on this point will be very acceptable to them. In the mean time you will be at liberty to draw quarterly on me for your salary or for such portion of it as for the time the Comee have undertaken to provide.

The Comee will be glad to receive from you a quarterly Report of your proceedings so long as your salary shall continue to be paid by them.

With our prayers for your welfare & usefulness
I remain, My dear Sir,
Very truly Yours
D. Coates
Sec CMS

Wm H. Taylor

Church Missionary House,
March 1, 1844.

My dear Sir,

1. Your several Letters of Feb 15, May 3, Sept, Oct 18, & Dec. 31/43 were duly received & communicated to the Comee, as were also your Report June 31/43 & Journal July 13 - Aug. 29 - Dec. 25/42, & that for the year 1843.

2. Many of the statements contained in these communications have much interested the Comee & encouraged them to hope that the Blessing

of God has rested upon your labours. The circumstances connected with your removal from Church Hill were of a very painful nature & much affected the Comee.

3. The Comee learn with much concern the state of things which had arisen at Salt Savanna between yourself & the Overseer placed on the property. The Comee fear that there is but little prospect of your being placed on such a footing as to admit of your being usefully continued at that Station. The removal, too, of ~~the~~ so many of the people to Portland rendered your remaining at Salt Savanna less important. Considering, however, their peculiar relation to Mr J. H. Wildman, the Comee did not feel prepared to remove you without previous communication with him. This communication has now been held with Mr Wildman, who fully approves of your removal to Portland. The movement of Mr A. Sheldon in order to the erection of a ~~Chapel~~ Schoolhouse to be used as a place of public worship at Portland, & the location there of so many of Mr Wildman's people, seems to point that out as the spot to which you should go. The concurrence of the Revd J. Smith, the Rector of Vere, in this arrangement favours the execution of the plan. It is therefore the wish of the Comee that you should immediately address yourself to the bringing this arrangement to completion as speedily as possible. The Comee, however, cannot incur any expense on account of buildings. Your salary they are prepared to continue for the present; but for all beyond this you must depend exclusively upon local resources. For the Schoolhouse we infer from the communications before us that funds sufficient, or nearly sufficient, are already provided. Your principal difficulty therefore, we apprehend, will be to provide funds for a dwelling house. We write to the Revd J. Stainsby by this Mail apprising him of the Comees having sanctioned your removal to Portland. We request therefore that you will enter into communication with him on the whole subject, who will, we doubt not, give you

judicious counsel, & may possibly be able in some way to render you assistance.

4. We feel for the trying situation in which you are placed at Salt Savanna relative to the Overseer. We trust however that you will be enabled to act in a spirit of humility, meekness, & forbearance whatever provocations you may receive, & so may honour Christ & evidence the power of His Grace on your own heart.

5. Have the kindness regularly to forward to us a quarterly Journal of your proceedings, transmitting it with an explanatory Letter by the first Mail after each quarter day

Begging our kind regards to Mr Taylor, & praying that you may abundantly experience the blessing of the Lord in all your future course,

We remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours

D. Coates
Sec CMS

Revd J Stainsby,

Church Missionary House,
March 1, 1844.

My dear Sir,

1. Since we wrote to you on the 15th July we have received yours of the 20th Oct.

2. The Comee have sanctioned Mr H. Taylor's removal from Salt Savanna to Portland. This step has arisen partly out of the removal of a considerable part of Mr Wildman's people from Salt Savanna to Portland, a place in the neighbourhood, also in the Parish of Vere; & partly from his having got into a very uncomfortable position with regard to the Overseer. Of the merits of the case I cannot form a decided judgment. The presumption is that Mr Taylor is in the main in the right & the Overseer in the wrong. Mr Wildman however takes the Overseer's view of the question, & not only consents to Mr Taylor's removal, but wishes it to take place as speedily as possible. We enclose a copy of a Letter addressed to Mr Taylor on

the subject by this Mail. Pray be so good as to advise him & if you can assist him, especially in putting him in the way of obtaining funds for a dwelling-house.

3. I am sorry that in the multitude of engagements pressing upon me I omitted to fulfil my promise respecting an Estimate for an Iron Church. The fact is that we entered very fully into the subject of Iron buildings for residences in Western Africa, & came to the conclusion that the erection of them was inexpedient. I at the same time obtained information of the party with whom we were principally in communication - Mr Laycock of Liverpool - respecting the cost of a Church about the dimensions which you named. I inferred, perhaps somewhat too hastily, that the reasons which rendered Iron an unsuitable material for a residence rendered it unsuitable for a Church. I however now enclose Mr Laycock's Plan with a Letter on the subject.

I remain, My dear Sir
Very truly Yours
D. Coates
Sec CMS

Ind

Revd Messrs Muhlhauser & Eckel

Church Missionary House,
May 16, 1844.

Dear Brethren,

1. Since we wrote to you on the 9th Jan last we have received Mr Muhlhauser's Letter March 5/44 with the Account Current of the Mission to Dec/43.

2. By this ship, the "Pasha", Captn Leggett, we forward to you the usual publications to the present date, including 25 copies of the Abstract of the Report for 1843-44.

The Invoice is enclosed

I remain, Dear Brethren,
Very truly Yours,
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

W. B Pollard Esq

Church Missionary House,
May 23, 1844.

Dear Sir,

1. Since we wrote to you on the 1st Feb. last the following communications from the Mission have reached us:-

Your Letter, April 3/44
Revd J. H. Bernau's Letters, Jan. 4 & Mar 26/44.

2. By this ship, the "Claudia", Captn Peele, we forward to you the usual publications to the present date, including copies of the Abstract of the 44th Report. The Invoice is enclosed.

We remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Revd G. Griffiths

Church Missionary House,
June 28, 1844.

Dear Sir,

1. We are under the necessity of again soliciting your kind services in reference to the Grove. You are, I believe, aware of the arrangement under which the Comee authorized the Mico Commissioners to occupy our premises at the Grove ~~[illegible]~~ as a Normal School & were one of the School Visitors under that arrangement. By one of the conditions the agreement between the Mico Commissioners & the

232 June 28/44, Rev^d G Griffiths

Com^ee. might be cancelled at any time upon either party giving to the other 6. months notice of their wish to do so." Under this condition the Mico Commissioners on the 14th. Inst. gave us notice of their wish to ~~[illegible]~~ terminate the arrangement. The question therefore arises, How are the premises to be disposed of? The Bp. of Jamaica has we understand in some way taken the School under his charge. Mr Byrne is, we are informed, removed to a Catechist's Station. We are also told that some, if not all, the Students are removed. We shall feel obliged by your giving us at your earliest convenience information on these points & any others which may occur to you as to the most advantageous use & disposal of the Buildings. Possibly the Bishop may have some plan in view. The Com^ee. have directed that we should communicate with him on the subject. We shall be glad if you will do the same. The Com^ee. would not improbably be prepared to concur in any well digested plan for securing through the medium of the Grove premises sound & evangelical religious training of black or coloured Teachers in connexion with our own Church for Jamaica or West Africa.

2. We have been grieved to hear of the death of the Revd Thos Gibson at Moore Town. If no more advantageous arrangement can be made, it may perhaps be adviseable that the Rev^d F Redford, who is coming out from the Com^ee. in October, should be located in Moore Town.

I remain, Dear Sir
Very truly Yours

D. Coates
Sec CMS

Revd H. Vanton

Church Missionary House,
June 29, 1844.

Dear Sir,

1. We received from you on the 5th Inst. a Letter from you without date in reference to your Account with the Comtee & a Bill which you had drawn on me for £50.

2. The Bill for £50 came upon the Comee wholly by surprise. They hesitated a good deal to accept it & only decided on doing so with a record of their decision not to accept any Bill drawn by you in future for which you had not previously received their express sanction. It was painful to them to adopt this proceeding, but they felt it obligatory upon them to do so out of the due regard to the interests confided to their administration.

3. With regard to the balance of your Account, £58.10.7, the Comee are solicitous that it should be discharged as early as practicable. At the same time they do not wish to put you to unnecessary inconvenience. They therefore directed me to request that you will remit it to me by instalments. They hope that in this way you may be able ~~by this means~~ without inconvenience to remit the whole by the end of the year.

3. In the Letter before me you do not reply to the enquiry contained in par 2 of mine of Jan. 13/44 respecting £40 claimed of us by Mr Forsyth for Mr. Mr Forbes' passage money. Pray let me hear from you on this point.

4. I beg also to remind you that we are still without the Account Current of the Mission for the year 1842. We must therefore again press this point on your notice, as the absence of the Account leaves the Comee in a very unsatisfactory, not to

ery discreditable situation.

I remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly yours
D. Coates,
Sec CMS.

W. B. Pollard, Esq.

Church Missionary House,
July 30, 1844.

Dear Sir,

1. Since we wrote to you on the 23d May last by the "Claudia" advising of a shipment of publications we have received your Letter of the 18th June.

2. We are much concerned to receive so unfavourable a report of the Revd. J. H. Bernau's health. Under the circumstances you state we almost regret that Mr. Bernau did not come direct to London. Reduced as his health appears to have been we fear that that a residence at Barbados can hardly be expected to reestablish it. We shall however be thankful if it should please God to bless his sojourn at Barbados to the restoration of his health to a state to admit of his return to his station without danger. Under the circumstances the location of Mr. Christian at Bartica Grove was the best arrangement within your reach to keep things together there.

3. The Bishop of Barbados wrote to the Commee. very kindly recommending the case of Mr. Muhlhauser's widow & Children to their consideration. Under the circumstances they felt at liberty to grant them the Society's usual allowance. ~~[illegible]~~ The Commee. very highly esteemed Mr. Muhlhauser. His labours were greatly blessed in Trinidad & there is we fear little prospect of his being succeeded by one like minded with him.

4. The Commee. on apportioning the amount applicable to the Society's ~~expenses~~ expenditure for the current year assigned £1700 to the British Guiana Mission for the year Augt. 1/44 to July 31/45. This sum

"was assigned on the supposition that Mr Kernan was employed in the Mission & that buildings were erected at Warrapola. The Corr. Comt. will therefore have the goodness so to arrange & regulate their expenditure that no more of the £1700 are expended than the actual establishment of the Mission may render necessary.

We remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours,

D. Coates
Secy CMS

Revd J. Stainsby

Church Missionary House,
August 1, 1844.

Dear Sir

1. We duly received your Letter of June 3/44 & have communicated it to the Comm. We have also received Letters from the Revd. W. C. Winckler of May 17 & June 19 respecting the Chichester Church & Station. ~~[illegible]~~

2. The Comm. find the question relative to the erection of a Church at Chichester in a very painful state. It would be useless to enter at length on the causes which have so long disappointed the just expectations of Mr. Winckler & Mr. N. Malcolm in this matter. We fear that considerable blame attaches to those to whom the administration of the affairs of the Society in the Island were at that time entrusted. The result has placed Mr Winckler, to whom the Contributions in aid of the erection of a Church were ~~[illegible]~~ paid in a very unpleasant situation, & to give Mr. Malcolm just cause of complaint against the Society. What can now be done in the matter! From an examination of the Accounts of the Jamaica Mission we appear to hold the sum of £305.12.4 Sterlg., including a Vestry Grant of £260 Currency on account of the Chichester Church. This sum therefore the Comm. are prepared to refund & have adopted the following Resolution:—

"That it appears from the Statement & Accounts before the

Comm^ee^ that certain sums contributed to the erection of a Chapel at the Society's Station at Chichester, Jamaica, amounting together to £305. 12. 4, were expended on the Society's Station there in the years 1838, 1839, & 1840, circumstances having then prevented the erection of the Chapel, the Rev^d J Stainsby be authorized to draw on the Comm^ee^ for the sum above mentioned & appropriate the amount in aid of the erection of a Chapel at Chichester as was originally contemplated."

We understand that Mr Malcolm offered £200 St^g^. Could this now be had if the Building be at once taken in hand? Could an additional grant be obtained from the Vestry? If you cannot raise funds for a Building so large as you wish would it not be well, in order to secure the protection, at once to proceed to the erection of one of the size which your means may admit. Pray confer with Mr Winckler & communicate with the Bishop on the subject & ascertain what funds can be obtained & complete the business as speedily as possible. Our Account says that the £250 Currency received from the Vestry was for the erection of a House at ~~Winckler~~ Chichester. Mr Winckler's says it was for the Church. We suppose Mr Winckler was right.

3. The Comm^ee^ are decidedly of opinion that it would be inexpedient to erect an Iron Church at Chichester.

4. We write to Mr Winckler by this Mail to apprise him of the Comm^ee's^ Resolution relative to Chichester Church.

We remain, Dear Sir
Very truly Yours

D. Coates
Sec^y^ CMS

Rev. A. L. Eckel

Church Missionary House,
August 1, 1844.

Dear Sir,

1. Since we wrote to you on the 16th May last the following communications from you have reached us:-

Your Letters Feb. 6, 18, March 18, & June 1/44 with their Enclosures.
Rev. J. G. Muhlhauser's Letter, Ap. 26/44.
Extract from the "Trinidad Standard" May 27/44 on the death of Mr. Muhlhauser

2. The tidings which your Letter bore to us of the death of the Rev. J. G. Muhlhauser deeply afflicted the Comm.ee. They very highly esteemed him as a Missionary & Christian Brother, & rejoiced in the success with which the God of all grace had crowned his faithful & zealous labours. The loss of such a man in such a sphere is indeed a heavy blow; but it is inflicted by Him on whose shoulder is the government rests & who administers the affairs of His Church in subserviency to the ultimate & full accomplishment of His purposes of mercy toward this Church. With regard to his Widow & Children the Bp. of Barbados has very kindly pressed their claims on the Com.ee as well as yourself. Though in a strict interpretation of the Com.ee's regulation it may be doubtful whether they have a claim for the Society's allowances, the Com.ee felt that in acting in the spirit of it they were at liberty to grant ~~it~~ them. This therefore they have done, & you are authorized to draw upon us for them & debit ~~you~~ the amount with your Account. The allowance to the Widow is £50 per ann, & to each Child under 16 years of age £10 per ann. Be so good as to make this known to Mrs. Muhlhauser with our kind regards & the assurance of our sympathy & prayers.

3. Though we think it clear that in equity you are entitled to receive Salary from the Colony from Ap. 1/43 we know not whether the Com.ee will contest the point any further. If so it must be done with the Colonial Office here.

4. We conclude from the Correspondence before us that you have received the Colonial Salary from Jan 1/44 at ~~&~~ the rate of £350 Stg per ann. While you continue to be paid at that rate you will be at liberty to draw on us for £100 per ann. as authorized by our Letter of

Aug. 1/44. Rev. ~~J. Hamsly~~ A. Eckel.

Sept 1/43. The Bp. of Barbados holds out the hope that the Colonial Government will raise your salary to £450 Stg per ann. Should this prove to be the case your drafts upon us on account of the £100 per ann will cease.

5. We hope to obtain for you some portion of the present year's Parliamentary Grant for Negro Education. If we should succeed, however, the sum granted, we anticipate, will be much below that of last year. You must therefore shape your course accordingly, as the Comm.ee are constrained to decline to make any payment on account of the Mission out of the funds of the C.M.S. beyond £100 per ann abovemention after June 30/44. 5

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6. With regard to the questions put in your Letter Feb 6/44 — (1) Any balance of the Negro Education Grant of £1087. 10. 0 to Trinidad which may remain on hand June 30/44, you will be at liberty to apply to School purposes for the following year. (2) Your salary from the Society ceased Dec 31/43. (3) The Comm.ee decline to make any grant for general purposes after the year ending June 30/44. (4) This question is answered above.

7. To prevent any misconception hereafter, it is requisite to state that as your Missionary connexion [illegible] with the C.M.S. ceased from the period of your being placed on the Colonial Establishment & paid from its funds from the 1st Jan last, all claims upon the Society for yourself & family ceased at that period also. While however it is necessary for us to make this statement, it is very gratifying to us to assure you in the strongest terms of the esteem & regard of the Comm.ee; & their entire satisfact. which your conduct has afforded them during the whole of your connexion with the C.M.S. May you continue to enjoy the favour & blessing of God & see His work increasingly prospering in your hands!

8. Though the Society's Missionary connexion with you has thus been brought to a close it will be requisite that you should regularly report to us the state & progress of the Schools so long as they are administered by Government funds through the C.M.S. We shall also thankfully receive any information which you will have the

kindness to impart to us respecting your own outh.

With our best wishes & prayers We remain, Very truly Yours

H Venn — D. Coates

Secs CMS

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Revd G Griffiths

Church Missionary House,
August 1, 1844

Dear Sir

1. We were duly favoured with your Letter of the 4th of June conveying to us the painful intelligence of the Revd J. Gibson's death. This afflicting event has again left Moore Town destitute. How the vacancy is to be supplied we know not. You know that the Revd J. Redford has been appointed by the Comm. to Jamaica. In making this appointment, however, the Comm. have apprised the Bp of Jamaica that they can only engage for the temporary payment of Mr R's salary. In apprising the Bishop of this arrangement they conditioned for Mr R. being stationed at one of the Stations vacated by the Society, & named Prattville & Siloah as those which appeared to them to stand most in need of being provided for. Since the arrival of your Letter reporting the death of Mr Gibson they adopted the following Resolution:—

"That the state of Moore Town be brought under the consideration of the Bp of Jamaica, & that it be referred to his Lordship to locate the Revd J Redford there if he should deem it advisable to do so rather than at either of the Stations which have been already named to him."

This is all the Comm. have it in their power to do for Moore Town. We can only regret that it is no more.

2. The Comm. deeply commiserate Mrs Gibson's bereaved & destitute circumstances; but it is not in their power to extend to her the allowances made to the Widow & Children of a Missionary sent out from this country. The Comm. have always declined to incur this obligation with regard to persons taken up in the Society's Missions. The fact is that the Comm.ttee's engagement to Mr Gibson was strictly limited to a period of 2 years from Sept 29/42, as stated in our Letter to you of Oct 1/42, & that they expressly declined to "incur any pecuniary

responsibility beyond the two years" renders their course, however painful, a very clear one. They therefore felt themselves constrained to adopt the following Resolution:—

"That while the Comee are deeply concerned at the Revd. G. Griffiths' statement of the circumstances in which Mrs Gibson is left, yet they do not feel at liberty to grant to her the Society's allowance to a Missionary's widow, the circumstances under which Mr Gibson entered into connexion with the Society in Jamaica & was located at Moore Town not entitling Mrs Gibson to such allowance."

The Comee at the same time expressed their entire approbation of your having paid Mrs Gibson Mr G's full salary to the 30th June.

3. We fear Dr Sir that both Mr & Mrs Pollett's state of health is such as to preclude the hope of his being able to exercise his ministry in Jamaica. The Comee sent them to Demerara whence they were compelled to return home in broken health after a very short stay.

4. We are rejoiced for Trelawney's sake at your appointment to that Parish. May your labours be abundantly blessed in this vast ministerial sphere of ~~Missionary~~ usefulness!

We remain, Dear Sir
Very truly Yours
Henry Venn
Secy C.M.S.

The Lord Bishop
of Jamaica

Church Missionary House
1 Aug 1844

My Lord

The committee have received the afflicting intelligence of the death of the Revd. J. Gibson of Moore Town. Though Mr Gibson at the time of his death was on the list of the Society's Missionaries, yet the Society had expressly limited its responsibility to the period of two years from Sept: 29. 1842. both with respect to Mr. Gibson's Salary & the Station of Moore Town. This understanding was fully explained to the late Bishop of Jamaica before Mr. Gibson was ordained by his Lordship.

The Committee have therefore felt themselves unable to respond to the appeal which the Revd: G. Griffiths has made to them to appoint a successor to Mr. Gibson at Moore Town.

The Revd: Mr. Redford is now in full orders & will I trust shortly proceed to Jamaica. He has been suffering from illness which has detained him hitherto. In a former letter I had mentioned Prattville & Siloah as those stations which appeared to the Society most in need of a Minister. The Committee since the intelligence of Mr. Gibson's death have directed me to submit the state of Moore Town to your Lordship's consideration, & to refer it to your Lordship to fix upon such a location for Mr. Redford amidst the abandoned stations of the Society as may be most desirable in your judgment.

The Committee feel great regret at thus

withdrawing from your Diocese - but an urgency of claims from the stations in heathen lands wholly dependent upon the society for such, as seem to the Committee to leave us no alternative

I am
My Lord
Your very faithful servant
Henry Venn

Lord Bishop of
Barbadoes.

Church Miss'y House
1 Aug 1844

My Lord

The death of the Rev Mr Muhlhauser is indeed a most affecting & afflictive event. The high estimation in which we have held his character ever since he was connected with the society, is fully borne out by the warm & friendly terms in which you have spoken of his labors. & we can deeply sympathise with your Lordship at the loss of such a man. May He, who ever liveth as the Head of his Church supply the loss. We shall never cease to feel a deep interest in the progress of the work which our Missionaries were the privileged instruments of commencing. The Committee desire me to express their best thanks to your Lordship for the kind manner in which you have communicated the event to us.

The Committee have immediately taken into consideration, the case you have urged upon us, of the widow & Children of our deceased Brother a Missionary; & they rejoice that they feel themselves at liberty to extend to Mrs Muhlhauser & her children the usual allowances, viz, 50 £ to the widow & 10 £ to each child under 10 years with subsequent advantage of education:- to be continued as long as they are destitute of other means of support.

We have written to Mr Eckel to authorise him to draw upon us for this amount.

We return you also our best thanks for the effort you have made to secure an increase of the salary of Mr Eckel.

We have applied for & hope to obtain some portion of the present year's parliamentary grant for Negro Education for the benefit of Mr Eckel's Schools.

It is with much reluctance that the Committee withdraw their aid from your Lordship's diocese. But the pressing claims from numerous other parts of the field which is our more especial object compel us to do violence to our feelings.

Praying that the Lord may abundantly prosper all your plans for the advancement of his cause

I beg to remain

My Lord

244 Aug 2/44 Revd C. W. Winckler

Your very faithful servant
Henry Venn
Hon. Sec. Ch. Miss. Socy

Revd C. W. Winckler

Church Missionary House,
August 2, 1844.

My dear Sir

1. Your Letters of the 17th May & 19th June duly reached us & have been communicated to the Comm. They feel very sensibly the painful situation in which you have been placed by the non erection of a Church at Chichester after the applications for Contributions in aid of the object & the long interval which has since elapsed without any commencement of the work. As it appears by an examination of the Mission Accounts that the sum of £305 - 12 - 4 Stg. as stated by you was ~~expended on~~ contributed in aid of the Church, including the Vestry Grant of £250 Currency, & was expended on the Chichester Station, the Comm. hold themselves responsible for that sum. We have written to the Revd J Haines to that effect by this Mail, & requested him to communicate with you & the Bp. of Jamaica with a view to ascertain whether Mr. Malcolm's promised Contribution & other pecuniary aid may not even yet be obtained & the Church erected. This is due to Mr Malcolm who has certainly just ground of complaint in this matter, & is also important in securing the position in connexion with our own Church.

2. The Comm. are decidedly of opinion from a careful consideration of the subject that it would be undesirable to erect an Iron Church.

3. It is quite out of the question that you should personally undertake the erection of the Church. It would by far too seriously interfere with your ministerial duties, & persons to undertake the building by contract are doubtless to be found in Jamaica.

Revd C. W. Winckler, Aug 2/44

4. The Comee sanction your drawing £10 extra to the Midsr quarter in consideration of the difficult circumstances in which you have been placed relative to the Schoolmaster's salary.

5. The Comee also sanction your drawing on them for £60 for your Schoolmaster's salary for the year July 1/44 to June 30/45. They authorize this relying on obtaining a portion of this year's Parliamentary Grant for Negro Education, although it has not yet been awarded to them. The Comee cannot undertake the payment of School expenses out of the Society's funds.

6. We will send you the Hymn Books & other supplies which you ask for; but you must distinctly understand that you will be debited with them, & that the amount must be deducted in your drafts on us for Salary.

7. We are glad to find that you are steadily holding on your course, notwithstanding all the difficulties & ~~un~~ discouragements which you have encountered. May these & all other trials be sanctified to your own rich ~~ministerial~~ spiritual gain & enlarged ~~use~~ ministerial usefulness!

8. Pray continue to forward to us a quarterly journal of your proceedings.

I remain, My dear Sir,
Very truly Yours
D. Coates
Sec C.M.S.

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To the Lord Bishop
of Jamaica

Church Missionary House
15 August 1844

My Lord

The case of Mr Byrne has occasioned the Committee much perplexity.

Your Lordship's letter to me of March 20: states "you will receive from Mr Griffiths & Mr Panton a communication concerning one of your Catechists & Teachers Mr Byrne to which I would entreat your favorable consideration". — But we have received no communication except a letter from Mr Panton, received 5 June, in which he informs us that *your* Lordship has placed Mr Byrne at Prattville, in hope that the Society will for the present at least pay his salary". —

Mr Byrne however in a letter just received, dated July 8: advises us of a draft of 50 £ drawn upon us for a quarter's salary in consequence of his appointment as Catechist to Prattville in connection with the Church Missy. Society.

The Committee have directed me to explain to your Lordship that Mr Byrne was not an Agent of the Society at the time of the closing of the school at the Grove — but that from the period of his employment by the Mico Charity he had been wholly disconnected from the Society. & though the Committee feel the highest respect for Mr Byrne's character, they are not able to undertake any future responsibilities with respect to his salary & maintenance.

Though it does not appear from Mr Panton's letter that such an expectation is entertained either by your Lordship or by Mr Byrne; yet we are anxious to guard against the mistake which might arise if this matter were not at once explained.

The Committee are however happy that they have it in their power to discharge the present bill for £50 & also to sanction the payment of Mr Byrne's salary for the current quarter, in consequence of their expectation of receiving a Government grant for education in Jamaica for this year, as well as in consequence of the cessation of Mr Gibson's salary thro' his lamented death at Moore Town.

The whole of the estimated income of the Society is divided in prospect, during the months of May & June amongst the various Missions of the Society & the Committees in each Mission are authorized to draw for the amount thus assigned & for no more. The estimate for the Jamaica Mission included only the salaries of Messrs Cooper, Winkler & Taylor - having received at the time information of Mr Gibson's death.

Under these circumstances the Committee have been obliged to direct Mr Byrne not to draw any bill upon us for the future unless the express authority of this Committee for the same shall have been first obtained as in the case of all the other Missions of the Society.

In the mean time we shall be anxious to hear from your Lordship what prospect there is that the salary of Mr Byrne or of any one of our present Missionaries in your Diocese may be provided for by local or other means.

The Committee will also be better able to judge when the financial year of the Society is further advanced how far it will be able to continue Mr Byrne's salary.

I am
My Lord
with much respect
your very faithful Servant
Henry Venn
Hon^y Sec^y Ch. Miss^y Soc^y

Revd A. L. Eckel

Church Missionary House,
September 4, 1844.

Dear Sir,

1. Since we wrote to you on the 1st ult. we have received your Letter of July 6th enclosing Extracts from the Port of Spain Gazette & Trinidad Standard relative to the death of the Revd J. G. Muhlhauser.

2. We write now to advise you of the shipment by the "Montezuma", Captⁿ Selkirk, of the usual publications to the present date, with copies of the Society's 44th Report. The Invoice is enclosed.

I remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours
Richard Davies

W. B. Pollard, Esq

Church Missionary House,
Sept. 16, 1844.

Dear Sir,

1. Since we wrote to you on the 30th July last no communication from the Mission has reached us.

2. We only write now to advise you of a shipment of publications to the present date, including copies of the 44th Report. They are forwarded by the "Ellen", Captn McLachern. The Invoice is enclosed.

I remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours
Richard Davies.
Sec CMS

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Lord Bishop of Jamaica

Church Missionary House
1 Octr: 1844

My Lord

A passage has been taken for the Revd Mr. Redford by the Prince Albert which is to sail on the 19th Instant. We greatly regret that Mr. R's health would not admit of his going earlier in the year. He is now well established in health: & will I trust prove a valuable Laborer.

The letter of the Revd Mr. Douët which you have kindly forwarded to us presents a fearful picture of the spiritual destitution of your Diocese; & the consequent neces for over-burdening the Clergymen already on the field.

As soon as our Committee re-assemble your letter of 16 Augt. & its inclosure of Mr. Jowitt's letter will be laid before them. I am persuaded that there is every desire to extend the aid of the Society to the utmost of our ability to your Lordship's Diocese — but that ability has been limited by the pecuniary embarrassments in which we were lately involved, & the arrangements into which we then entered.

From late accounts which I have received respecting the immigration of heathen laborers into Jamaica I fear that it will present increasing rather than diminishing claims upon the peculiar functions of the Church Missionary Society — yet the older & still more appropriate fields of labor in Africa & the East are multiplying their claims upon us in the most powerful manner.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding to your Lordship a copy of our last Report.

Commending the Society & its Agents to your prayers

I am
My Lord
Your very faithful Servant
Henry Venn

Revd C. W. Winckler

Church Missionary House,
October 10, 1844.

Dear Sir,

1. Since we wrote to you on the 2d Aug. last no communication from you has reached us.

2. We now forward to you by this Ship, the "Sophia," Captn Pengelley, the various articles requested in your Letter of June 19/44, the amount of which, £19. 8. 3, you will have the goodness to deduct in your drafts on us for Salary. We also forward to you the usual publications to the present date, including the 44th Report. The Invoice & Bill of Lading are enclosed.

I remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours,
D. Coates
Sec C M S

Revd J. Stainsby

Church Missionary House,
October 10, 1844.

Dear Sir,

1. No communication from you has reached us since we wrote to you on the 1st August last.

2. We forward to you by this Ship, the "Sophia", Captn Pengelley, our usual publications to the present date, including copies of the Society's Report for 1843-4. The Invoice is enclosed.

I remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours
D. Coates
Sec C M S

Revd F. Redford

Church Missionary House,
October 18, 1844.

My dear Sir,

1. We enclose a copy of the Instructions of the Comtee delivered on the 29th May last to yourself & other Missionary brethren, with the Address of the Revd J. Hambleton on that occasion appended. That part of the Comtees Instructions (p. 22) being very general, a few words in farther explanation of the views of the Comtee respecting you are needful.

2. Since the Instructions were delivered the Comtee have received a Letter from the Bishop of Jamaica strongly recommending your being located in the Nassau District. To this arrangement the Comtee have expressed their willingness to accede should the Bishop finally be of opinion that that District has stronger claims on your services than those of any of the other Stations formerly occupied by the Society in the Island. As your health formerly suffered in Trinidad, & you have lately been a good deal indisposed, the Bishop will doubtless give due consideration to that circumstance in deciding on the future sphere of your labours.

3. You will observe in the Comtees Instructions that they contemplate your being dependent on the Society for your salary for only a limited period. It will be satisfactory to the Comtee to find that an arrangement

can be made for your being placed on the Island Establishment by the close of the ensuing year. The salary assigned to you by the Comtee is £300 Stg per ann, commencing from the period of your landing in Jamaica. On this sum the Comtee wish you to draw quarterly; beyond your salary they can sanction no other expence on account of the Society; & therefore your drafts upon them must on no account exceed the sum of £300 per annm above mentioned.

4. You will have the goodness to transmit to us a quarterly Report of your proceedings, with such remarks, explanations, & general information as would be useful or interesting to the Comtee.

5. The sum of £10 will be given you for embarkation & debarkation expenses & you are supplied with Bibles, Prayer Books, & Tracts for your use on shipboard.

6. Should you need counsel on any point we recommend you to apply to the Revd J Stainsby or the Revd G. Griffiths whichever may be nearest to you. They are both men of wisdom & experience, as well as attached & zealous friends of the Church Missionary Society.

Praying that you & Mrs Redford may be favoured with a prosperous voyage & be greatly blessed in all your future course,

I remain, My dear Sir,
Very truly Yours

D. Coates

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W. B. Pollard, Esq.

Church Missionary House,
November 1, 1844.

Dear Sir,

1. We wrote a few lines to you on the 16th Sept. advising of a shipment of publications, since which no communication from you has reached us.

2. ~~[illegible]~~ Since the receipt of your Letter of the 18th June the following Bills on account of the Mission have been presented & accepted:

July 3/.	£ 50
D° —	100
July 10/. —	18 . 18 . 0
30/. —	50
″/. —	10
Aug 17/. —	25
Sept 14/. —	25
13/. —	25
″/. —	25
14/. —	50
17/. —	25
″/. —	50

We request that you will have the goodness always to advise us of any Bill drawn by the same Mail by which the Bill itself may be expected to reach us. The Comee consider it necessary that this rule should be as punctually adhered to in the Society's business as it is in mercantile transactions.

3. We shall feel obliged by the transmission of the Mission Account Current for the year ending July 31/44 if it shall not have been despatched before this Letter comes to hand.

4. By ~~a~~ a Letter from the Rev. J. H. Bernau of Sept 14th we were thankful to learn that he had been enabled to resume his labours at Bartica Grove in improved health. We still however feel much solicitude about him, as the interesting Mission with which he is connected depends under God entirely upon himself. We fear his health is too seriously impaired to admit of his continuing much longer at his present post, & how to replace him we see not.

5. The breaking up of the School at Bartica Point formerly under the care of Mr Christian, is much to be regretted. The Comm^ee do not seem to have any prospect of sending out a Schoolmaster. Cannot a person sufficiently qualified for the situation be found in the Colony whose services could be had on reasonable terms? If he can, he should be engaged immediately. Such a one, it is to be remembered, would have no contingent claims on the Society as to Wife, children, or failure of health. His salary therefore must be regulated accordingly.

Looking forward to hear from you ere long,

We remain, Dear Sir,

Very truly Yours

D. Coates

Sect C.M.S.

Rev J. H. Bernau

Church Missionary House,

November 1, 1844.

Dear Sir,

1. Though much pressed for time we cannot refrain from writing a few lines in reply to your Letter of the 14th Sept which has just reached us.

2. We heartily bless God that He has been graciously pleased so far to restore your health as to admit of your resuming your labours at Bartica Grove, as we see not how your place could be supplied in case you should be compelled to withdraw. We trust therefore you will feel the obligation not unduly to tax your reduced strength. You will understand & feel much better than we can do how much better it will be for the Station that you should continue there though doing much less than you wish & is requisite for its complete

efficiency rather than that you should be obliged to quit it altogether. We trust therefore you will discharge yourself from all labours not absolutely necessary. We have suggested to Mr. Pollard the engaging of the services of a Schoolmaster in the Colony to assist you if practicable. An intelligent, faithful, diligent young man might relieve you many ways & be of much use in the Mission, though not possessing high qualifications as a Schoolmaster. Relief you must have if possible. May the Lord Himself give it! The encouraging account given of the Mission in the Letter before us makes us the more solicitous that such arrangements should be made as might admit of your continuing at the Station & would render you assistance in the work.

With the kind regards to Mrs. Bernau,

I remain, Dear Sir,

Very truly Yours

D. Coates

Sect. C.M.S.

Revd A. Eckel

Church Missionary House,

November 1, 1844.

Dear Sir

1. We wrote to you a few lines on the 4th Sept. by the "Montezuma", advising of a Shipment of publications, since which we have received your Letters of Aug. 2 & Sept. 17/44, Account Current, June /44, & Report of Schools, June /44.

2. We are surprised & disappointed that at the date of your last Letter, Sept 17th, you had not received the promised Salary from the Colony. You will have the goodness again to apply to H.E. the Governor for the payment of it from the 1st Jan last. What you have

received from the Society since, the Comee. regard simply as a loan to you to provide for your current expenses until the salary from the Pt. Grant; which had been repeatedly promised, should be paid. When received you will of course carry it to the credit of the Society in liquidation of their claim upon you for the money advanced.

3. We have again received a portion of the Parliamentary Grant, though of a very reduced amount. You will be at liberty to draw upon us on this head for the sum of £611.14.0 for the year in your accounts ending June 30/45. This money is to be appropriated as heretofore, primarily & chiefly for the salaries of Schoolmasters, but also to a limited extent for School materials & miscellaneous expenses, as is done in the half year's Account above acknowledged. We hope that this sum with what you may be able to obtain in the Island will enable you to keep the Schools together. You may possibly receive next year about half the amount granted this year, though that is by no means certain; but we are informed by Lord Stanley the parliamentary Grant for education will be discontinued altogether after next year.

We remain, Dear Sir
Very truly Yours

D. Coates
Secy. C.M.S.

The Lord Bishop
of Jamaica

Church Missionary House
1 Nov 1844

My Lord

Since I wrote to your Lordship on the 1st. Oct. we have received your letter of August 28 inclosing your Correspondence with the Secretary of the Mico charity which shall be brought before the Comee as soon as the business of the Socy will allow.

Some communications which we have received from Mr. Wildman at home & from Mr. H. Taylor lately at Salt Savanna have given us much perplexity & pain. There appear to have been most unhappy misunderstandings between Mr. Mc Kinnon & Mr. H. Taylor. We had directed Mr. Taylor to withdraw from Salt Savanna & to confine his labors to Portland - but he informs us in his last letter that there is some uncertainty as to the disposition of the new Rector of Vere to allow of his continuance at Portland

As from our knowledge of Mr. Taylor we cannot recommend him to your Lordship for Holy orders, & indeed almost fear that the wisest course will be that he should return home, the Committee have come to the determination to refer the case to your Lordship: & instead of at once offering him a passage home with his family to agree to continue his salary to Midr. 1846 in case your Lordship should see any probability of his being before that time otherwise provided for, & should wish him to remain in the Island. But in case no such prospect occurs to your Lordship, we shall offer him the passage home."

I have the honour to be
My Lord
Your very faithful &
obedient Servant
Henry Venn
Hon: Sec: Ch. Mis. Soc:

Revd G. Griffiths.

Church Missionary House.
Jany 1. 1845.

Dear Sir,

1. We duly received your Letter Oct. 5/44 and the List of Books which it enclosed and will attend to your request respecting them, though a very heavy pressure of business consequent upon my absence from home in the Autumn for some weeks has prevented me doing so hitherto.

2. We are engaged in a correspondence with the Colonial Office respecting the mode of dealing with Africans liberated from Slave Vessels in Sierra Leone. By a Proclamation issued June 12/44 it is directed "that all allowances of whatsoever description heretofore issued to captured Negroes, by Her Majesty's Government, on their being landed in this Colony, will discontinue & cease; excepting clothing & maintenance, while under adjudication (which will be supplied by them as formerly,) & until they have an opportunity of emigrating to the West Indies & no longer". This course of proceeding appears to the Comm^ee unjust & injurious both to the people themselves & to Africa. It forces the liberated African into a West India Colony as a

labourer & deprives Africa of the peculiar religious advantages afforded in Sierra Leone for the religious instruction of her children & for their being trained to become Teachers. We shall feel obliged by any authentic information which you may be able to obtain for us relative to the working of the Government plan in Jamaica as to Africans drawn from Sierra Leone. We particularly wish to be informed 1. What provision is made for them, especially for the children, in the interval between their being landed & obtaining employment. 2. What work they are set to, particularly the children, & whether their entrance upon it & continuance in it be really voluntary. 3. What wages the persons of different ages obtain? 4. Whether any special provision is made for their ~~who are sick or who may become destitute~~? education & religious instruction? If so, what is its nature & character? 5. Is any special provision made for those who are sick or who may become destitute? How are those dealt with who may refuse to work for the wages offered or refuse to work at all? 7 What arrangements are made for the return of those who may wish to go back to S. Leone, & are the Regulations on this head carried out bona fide, so that a person wishing to return can do so without delay, loss, or having vexatious hindrances thrown in his way? 8. In point of fact, do those who return to S. Leone really return improved in their circumstances & in their religious character? Any other particulars which may occur to you suited to develope the true character & real effects of the Government plan with regard to ~~Jamaica~~ liberated Africans in S Leone we shall feel greatly obliged by your communicating to us. We also request an early a reply as your convenience will permit.

I remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly yours

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Sec CMS

Rev J Stainsby

Church Missionary House,
Jan. 1, 1845.

Dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of Aug. 1/44 yours of Nov 9/44 in reply to it has reached us.

2. It is very lamentable to find that the sum of £300 voted by the Parish of Hanover in 1840 in aid of the erection of a Church at Knockalva was not secured at the time. It is to be regretted, because it endangers the obtaining of a proper building for public worship for that District, & as involved us in something like a breach of faith with Mr N Malcolm. We earnestly hope, however, that the Parish may be induced to confirm the grant formerly made, & thus a Church be provided where it is much wanted.

3. We are glad to find that Mr H. Taylor is located in your Parish. We believe him to be a faithful & useful man; but he much needs the counsel & influence of a judicious friend to whom he would defer. This he will find in you, & we trust he will duly appreciate & benefit by the advantage.

4. We are engaged in a correspondence with the Colonial Office respecting the mode of dealing with Africans liberated from Slave Vessels in Sierra Leone. By a Proclamation issued

June 12/44 it is directed "that all allowances of whatsoever description heretofore issued to captured Negroes, by Her Majesty's Government, on their being landed in this Colony, will discontinue & cease; excepting clothing & maintenance, while under adjudication, (which will be supplied to them as formerly,) and until they have an opportunity of emigrating to the West Indies & no longer." This course of proceeding appears to the Comm.^ee unjust & injurious both to the people themselves & to Africa. It forces the liberated African into a West India Colony as a labourer & ~~who~~ deprives Africa of the peculiar religious advantages afforded in Sierra Leone for the religious instruction of her children & for their being trained to become Teachers. We shall feel obliged by any authentic information which you may be able to obtain for us relative to the working of the Goverment plan in Jamaica as to Africans drawn from Sierra Leone. We also particularly wish to be informed 1. what provision is made for them, especially for the children, in the interval between their being landed & obtaining employment. 2. What work they are set to, particularly the children, & whether their entrance upon it & continuance in it be really voluntary. 3. What wages the ~~diff~~ persons of different ages obtain? 4. Whether any special provision is made for their education & religious instruction? If so, what is its nature & character? 5. Is any special provision made for those who are sick or who may become destitute? 6. How are those dealt with who may refuse to work for the wages offered or refuse to work at all. 7. What arrangements are made for the return of those who may wish to go back to S. Leone, & are the Regulations on this head carried out bonâ fide, so that a person wishing to return can do so without delay, loss, or having vexatious hindrances thrown in his way? Any other information. 8. In point of fact, do those who return to S. Leone really return improved in their circumstances & in their religious character? Any other particulars which may occur to you suited to develope the true character & real effects of the Government plan with regard to liberated Africans in S. Leone we shall feel greatly obliged by your communicating to us. We also request as early a reply as your convenience will permit.

We remain, Dear Sir

Very truly Yours

D. Coates

Secy CMS

Mr H. Taylor

Church Missionary House,
March 1, 1845.

Dear Sir

1. Since we wrote to you March 1/44 we have received your Letters of Feb-/44, Feb. 21, Ap. 3, 20, July 1, Aug. 22/44, & Jan 13/45 & their several enclosures.

2. As you have now quitted Salt Savannah & Vere Parish, it is unnecessary to enter at large on the differences which unhappily took place between you & Mr J. B. Wildman's Attorney & Overseer. We may, however, remark that however injuriously you may be treated by others, your case would be greatly strengthened by uniformly maintaining & manifesting a Christian spirit. In this view you will probably on a calm review of all that has passed see some reason to regret some things in your own correspondence & proceedings.

3. It afforded much satisfaction to the Comm. to find that

though the Bp. of Jamaica had withdrawn your licence from Salt Savannah he had sanctioned your being located at Churchhill.

4. We are sorry that we did not ~~a~~ communicate to you direct the decision of the Comtee respecting you on failing to obtain a location at Portland. Their decision was - "That they would undertake the payment of your salary till Midsummer 1846 should the Bp of Jamaica be able to find a suitable situation for you; but that should such an arrangement not be made a passage home should be offered to you & your family." The Comtee consider your being stationed at Churchhill ~~a Station for~~ with the sanction of the Bishop, that being a Station formerly occupied by the Society, as satisfying the terms of their Resolution. You are therefore at liberty to remain there drawing your usual salary from the Society up to Midsummer 1846. From that period, however, you must look to other sources for your salary. We shall be glad to find that ere then you will be enabled to obtain ~~f~~ contributions from the people or from other local sources which may enable you to remain permanently at Churchhill.

5. Have the kindness to communicate this Letter to the Revd. J. Stainsby with my kind regards.

With our best wishes & prayers,
I remain, My dear Sir
Very truly Yours
H. Coates
Sec CMS.

W. B. Pollard Esq

Church Missionary House,
March 1, 1845.

Dear Sir,

1. Since we wrote to you on the 1st Nov. last we have received your Letters of Nov 2, Dec 18 & 20/44, & Jan 17/45 with their enclosures.

2. We regret to say that with the strongest disposition to afford the Rev J H Bernau the assistance in his work which he so much needs, it has hitherto not been in the power of the Comee to supply it.

3. Your report of Mr Christian's health is also very distressing. Such, however, being the case, the Comee are of opinion that all proceedings for the occupation of Oumai as a Missionary Station should for the present be suspended. It was painful to the Comee to come to this decision; but it seemed to them to be clearly their duty to do so. No farther steps will of course be taken for the erection of a House at Oumai.

4. The Comee had intended to apply to Lord Stanley for a remission of the acre money with respect to the land granted to the Society at Oumai. As matters now stand, however, they have not judged it expedient to do so.

5. With regard to Mr Christian's being presented to the Bishop as a Candidate for Holy Orders the Comee do not feel themselves at present in possession of sufficient data to form an opinion of the expediency of their doing so. The state of his health, however, seems to suggest a doubt on the subject. Under these circumstances it will not be open to the Corr. Comee to present Mr Christian as a Candidate. Should Mr Christian himself wish to bring the subject under the consideration of the Parent Comee he had better address them on the subject, though in the actual state of his health

his being admitted to Holy Orders with a view to the exercise of the Ministry in Demerara can hardly be anticipated.

6. At Mr Christian's instance we have paid to Mr Gyppam, Tailor, £10.13.0 on his private account. You will therefore have the goodness to debit him with that sum & apprise him of your having done so.

7. We learn from the Revd J Pollett that he is expecting to receive from you some money, which he states was due to him on account of salary & other things when he left the Colony. He is also looking to Mr Christian for a small sum for various articles of Mr Pollett which he took when Mr P. left. Will you have the goodness to enable us to answer Mr Pollett on these points? You will be glad to hear that the Bp of Chester has admitted Mr Pollett to Priests' Orders & placed him in a perpetual Curacy in his Diocese. In this situation we do not doubt, that he will, through the Divine blessing, prove very useful.

We remain, Dear Sir
Very truly Yours
Richard Davies.
D. Coates
Secs CMS

Mr F. Byrne

Church Missionary House
March 1, 1845.

Dear Sir

Your Letter of Oct 1/44 was duly received & has been communicated to the Comee of the CM Society. Having had every reason to be satisfied with your past conduct in connexion with the Society it is very painful to the Comee to find you placed in such difficulties with regard to your salary. They are, however, compelled, as you are aware, to contract the operations of the Society in Jamaica, & the consequence has been the relinquishment of Stations & the discontinuance of Services of the Agents employed at them. This proceeding was very affecting to the Com^ee, but in their circumstances unavoidable. The difficulty in your case has been increased in consequence of the reoccupation of Prattville in your person took place without their sanction. Solicitous, however, to do what they can to prevent your being subject to serious inconvenience, & to prevent if it may be the Station being again vacated, they have agreed under the peculiar circumstances of the case to pay your Salary to the end of the present year. It is necessary, however, that you should distinctly understand that, from that period, you must look to other sources for your maintenance. The Com^ee will be truly thankful if you should be able either by the contributions of the people or from any other quarter to obtain the means of continuing at your post, as they have every encouragement to hope that, through the Divine blessing, your labour would not be in vain in the Lord.

We remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours
Richard Davies
D. Coates
Sec^s C.M.S

Revd F. Redford

Church Missionary House,
March 1, 1845.

Dear Sir,

1. We were thankful to learn from your Letter of Dec 13/44 that you & Mrs Redford had been brought in safety to Jamaica after your stormy & perilous voyage.

2. Your Letter has been communicated to the Comee. They feel for the difficulty in which you have been placed with regard to residence & conveyance; but they do not feel at liberty to make provision for these. They are willing, however, to consider your Account for expenses incurred in proceeding from Kingston to your Station when they shall have it before them, without however pledging themselves to the payment of them. The following is the Resolution which they adopted.—

"That Mr Redford be informed that the Comee do not feel at liberty to purchase a house for him, or to pay his rent at the Station at which he may be located, nor to incur any further expense on his account beyond the salary of £300 per annum already sanctioned; but that when they shall have before them the account of his expenses to Kingston & journey to Naſsau, they will be prepared to give it their consideration."

It will therefore be requisite, in accordance with your original Instructions, that you should confine yourself in your drafts upon us strictly to the above mentioned sum of £300 per ann. for salary, as your Bills cannot be accepted beyond that amount. The one for £75, drawn by you Dec. 18/45, has been accepted, though irregular, having been drawn in advance. In future they must be drawn only for the quarter which has expired, & for which therefore they are due. We are sorry to write so stringently; but the neceſsity of preventing any misconception on your part, & consequent inconvenience to you, renders it neceſsary that we should do so.

With kind regards to Mrs Redford, & our prayers for your health & usefulneſs,

We remain, Dear Sir
Very truly Yours
Richard Davies
D. Coates
Secs CMS

Ven. Archd. Trew

Church Missionary House,
March 1, 1845.

My dear friend,

1. Your Letter of Nov. 11/44 respecting the education & in New Providence of persons of colour for employment as Religious Teachers in West Africa was communicated to the Commee. in due course. I am sorry to say that the plan appeared to them to be beset with insuperable difficulties. The responsibility of sending young men from New Providence to Western Africa to complete their education in Sierra Leone, & then be employed in the Mission, if deemed eligible & willing to engage in the work, is in the opinion of the Committee too great to be warrantably incurred. In the case of the Youths paid for by the African Native Agency Commee. – they are taken up on the spot & if it shall be found necessary to separate them from us they revert to their former position without material inconvenience to any party. Not so if they are transferred to Sierra Leone from the western side of the Atlantic. The risk, too, as to expense is too great to be incurred under an uncertainty whether the individual upon whom it is bestowed will be fit for & will engage in Missionary labours. Under these circumstances the Commee. felt themselves constrained to adopt the following Resolution:—

"That with every disposition to promote the object proposed to them by Archd. Trew; the Commee. could not incur the responsibility of removing young men from the West Indies to Sierra Leone with the uncertainty of their being subsequently found eligible to be employed in connexion with the Society in West Africa."

I communicate the Comm^ee's decision with much regret as I know it will subject you to disappointment in an object which is very near your heart. I think, however, the Comm^ee could not properly come to any other conclusion than they have done.

I remain, My dear Friend
Truly & affect^ly Yours
D. Coates
Sec CMS

Rev J H Bernau

Church Missionary House,
May 16, 1845.

Dear Sir

1. Since we wrote to you on the 1st Nov. last we have received your Letters of Dec. 23/44 & Jan 29/45.

2. We have felt much interested by the contents of your Letters above-mentioned & thank you for the various information contained in them. We hope you will never cease to write with entire unreserve, assured of the acceptableness of such communications & of our sympathy with you under all your trials.

3. The continued ill state of your health occasions us much solicitude, & the more so as we have it not in our power to afford you the relief which you so greatly need by sending out a fellow-labourer to you. May it please our gracious God to renew your strength & to continue to uphold you in the important labours of your Station! You must not, however, too long delay a return to Europe for the restoration of your health, lest it should fail altogether.

4. We are very glad you have relinquished the charge of the penal settlement. We always doubted the expediency of your undertaking it, though we were unwilling to discourage you from

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by undertaking any sphere of usefulness for which you might find yourself equal. It is, however, very clear that this is a burden which you are not able to bear, & from which therefore you ought to disengage yourself.

5. From what you state respecting Mr. Christian's health we fear there is no prospect of his being equal to undertake the charge of the Station in the interior, & it would be imprudent to incur the large outlay which would be requisite for the occupation of it, unless there was a reasonable expectation that he could take charge of it. After the description which you give of Mr. Maclean's misconduct at the Grove he is obviously unfit for such a responsible situation as that at Bajah.

6. In the midst of these trials, however, the Lord has not left Himself without witness. The proofs which He affords of His favour & blessing will, we trust, comfort & animate you in your great work. May He increasingly prosper the work of your hands! It is indeed a season when firmness & faithfulness are specially required in the Ministers of Christ.

7. The Prayer Books & Cottage Hymn Books which you request are just shipped for Demerara on board the "Belle Creole".

8. We shall gladly receive your Children on their arrival, & place them for education in the Schools of which the Comtee avail themselves for the children of other Missionaries.

With kind regards to Mrs. Bernau,

We remain, Dear Sir

Very truly Yours

Coates

Secs

May 16/45, W. B. Pollard Esq

W. B. Pollard, Esq

Church Missionary House,
May 16, 1845.

My dear Sir

1. The only communication which we have received from you since the despatch of our Letter of the 1st March is yours of the 19th of that month.

2. The enclosed Letter to the Revd J. H. Bernau, which is left open for your perusal, & of which you can if you please retain a copy for the Corr. Comtee, will inform you generally of our views of the present circumstances of the Mission.

3. We are glad that Mr Bernau has relinquished the charge of the penal settlement. It was taxing his health & strength beyond his powers in undertaking it.

4. Mrs Mühlhauser's passage money will be allowed by the Comtee.

5. We shall hope to receive by an early Mail the Account Current of the Mission to the end of the year.

6. We forward by this Mail a copy of the Record Newspaper of the 8th Inst which contains the proceedings of our Anniversary Meeting. You will see that the Society has been greatly prospered in the past year both in its home & foreign proceedings. May the blessing of God continually rest upon it.

We remain, Dear Sir
Very truly Yours

D Coates
Sec. of CMS

P.S. We have paid to Mr Gyppen £14. 3. 6 on account of Mr E Christian, with which sum therefore you will have the goodness to debit him.

Revd F. Redford

Church Missionary House,
May 16, 1845.

Dear Sir

1. Since we wrote to you on the 1st of March we have received your Letters of March 3 & April 3/45.

2. It was very gratifying to the Comtee to learn that you had been so cordially welcomed by the people of Siloah, & that your ministrations had been so acceptable to them. May they continually receive blessing from the Lord to your comfort & their eternal gain!

3. The account of your expences from the period of your leaving London to your arrival at Siloah has been laid before the Comtee & considered by them. Under the circumstances of the case they have allowed you the balance £27. 4. 3. For this sum therefore you will be at liberty to draw upon us, & we request that you will do it in a separate Bill for that exact amount.

4. From the remarks contained in your Letter of the 3rd ult. you seem to have somewhat misapprehended the position in which you were placed by the Comtee in Jamaica. Your being sent thither has all along gone on these grounds – 1. That you were to receive from the Society a Salary of £300 Stg. per ann., the Comtee declining to charge themselves with any other expense whatever. 2. That the salary was to be paid by the Society for only a limited period. This is the footing on which the Revd Messrs Winckler & Cooper are placed as well as yourself

You do not seem to have adverted to the fact that since the Comee came to the decision 2 or 3 years ago immediately to narrow the operations of the Society in Jamaica, & eventually to withdraw from it altogether, that the position of the parties who continued to be employed was entirely changed & became such as we have just described with regard to yourself & the Revd Messrs Winckler & Cooper. This indeed is clearly indicated in the Instructions of the Comee to you p. 22, as well as in par. 3 of ~~my~~ Mr Coates' Letter of Oct 14/44. The Comee have in fact somewhat exceeded the limits of pecuniary obligation pointed out in their Instructions by the payment of your travelling expenses from Kingston to Siloah mentioned above.

5. It is to be presumed that local contributions may be obtained to meet the incidental expenses required for carrying on your ministrations in the District. Apart from what may be required to meet your incidental expenses in carrying on your ministrations it is a wholesome practice for the people of a minister's charge to contribute to the maintenance of the ministry among them. We should hope therefore that you would be able to draw from sources of this kind sufficient to meet those expenses which may fall upon you in addition to the salary provided by the Society.

6. We were thankful to find that you & Mrs Redford were in the enjoyment of health. May that blessing be continued to you.

With kind regards to Mrs Redford,
We remain Dear Sir
Very truly Yours

G. Coates
Sect CMS

W. B. Pollard, Esqr, May 17/45
Revd C. W. Winckler, May 17/45

W. B. Pollard, Esq

Church Missionary House,
May 17, 1845.

Dear Sir,

By this Ship, the "Belle Creole", Captn Muirhead, we send a supply of Prayer Books & Hymn Books for the Revd J. H. Bernau, which we will thank you to forward by the first opportunity. The Publications to the present date are also included in the shipment. The Invoice & Bill of Lading are enclosed.

I remain, Dear Sir
Very truly Yours

D. Coates
Sec CMS

P.S. We enclose a duplicate of our Letter of yesterday's date

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Revd C. W. Winckler

Church Missionary House,
May 17, 1845.

Dear Sir,

1. Since we wrote to you on the 10th Oct. last the following communications from you have reached us: —

Your Letters Oct. 4, Dec 5/44 & Jan. 20/45
Report for the Quarter endd Mar 31/45.

2. We forward by this Ship, the "Marion", Captn Campbell, the usual publications to the present date. The Invoice is enclosed.

I remain Dear Sir
Very truly Yours,

Sec CMS

276 July 16/45, Bp of Jamaica

Bp. of Jamaica

Church Missionary House
16 July 1845

My Lord

I had the pleasure of laying your Lordship's letter of April 27th before the Committee, & they have desired me to express their best thanks for the very interesting details of your arduous Visitation which the letter contains, & for the kind testimony which you have borne to the labours of our excellent Missionary Mr Winckler.

You state that you would gladly appoint Mr Winckler to an Island Curacy if there were a church built at Knockalva & if the Society consent to transfer the salary now paid to him to another Missionary. But the Society has no prospect I fear of being able to keep up its Mission in your Lordship's diocese beyond its engagements to the Agents already employed - & such casual exceptions as the case of Mr Redford afforded.

The pressing & overwhelming claims of India & Africa demand every Missionary available for those fields of labour: & we have at this time several Stations actually vacant for the want of men to fill them.

You notice an expression in the letter of Mr Coates to Mr Byrne of which your Lordship has misunderstood the meaning, namely "the re-occupation of Prattville in your person took place without their (the Committee's) sanction". Mr Coates did not mean in the slightest degree to complain of the re-occupation of the Station but of Mr. Byrne being taken considered as a Catechist of the Society, after his connection had been closed with us - by his adoption by the Mico Committee - the reoccupation "*in your person*" was the idea which was intended to be conveyed. We shall be most thankful to hear that your Lordship has been able to re-occupy any one or all of the Stations which the Society has been reluctantly compelled to abandon.

The Committee are happy to hear that Your Lordship has the prospect of carrying on the Normal School at the Society's premises with efficiency.

You are aware I presume that the Socy. did not contribute in any way to the expenses of the School after it was transferred to the Mico Committee - so that they do not regard themselves as responsible for in any measure for its maintenance. An agreement I believe existed with the Mico Committee respecting the repairs &c of the buildings - But we shall be glad to learn what is your Lordship's understanding on the subject as we have not as yet received any information except the notice in your last letter of the re-opening of the school.

I am thankful to be able to give a very encouraging account of the general state of the Society's Missions - the cry from every part is for more labourers - The Bishop of Calcutta who is just returned in renewed health & with the prospect under the divine permission of returning to India in the autumn of next year — urges upon us the sending 6 additional Missionaries to the single station of Krishnaghur —

Trusting that the Society & its conductors may have the benefit of your continued prayers

I am My Lord
Your very faithful servant
Henry Venn

Revd G Griffiths

Church Missionary House,
Aug. 14, 1845.

My dear Sir

1. You will, I doubt not, recollect a Catechist of ours in Jamaica, a man of colour, Mr Kestler. We have lately had a Letter from Archd. Trew enclosing one from Mrs Kestler to himself informing him of her husband's death & of her being in circumstances of great destitution. The Archdeacon strongly appeals to the Comee to render Mrs Kestler some assistance in her distress. The particulars of Mrs K's circumstances are not however stated with sufficient distinctness to enable the Comee to judge of her actual situation. Moreover from the circumstances under which Mr K. became connected with the Society, having merely been taken up in the Island as a Catechist, & from his having been disconnected from the Society some years before his death, his Widow has in fact no claim upon the Society for assistance. The Comee, however, bearing in mind his long & faithful services, & the poverty to which his Widow is represented to be reduced, adopted the following Resolution respecting her case:—

"That the Revd G. Griffiths be requested to inquire into the circumstances in which Mrs Kestler is placed; & that if he should be of opinion that her situation is such as to call for pecuniary aid from the Society, to be authorized to make her a grant on its account not exceeding £20.

Will you therefore have the goodness to do what the Resolution requests of you & act accordingly, apprising us of what you may have done?

I remain, My dear Sir
Very truly Yours
D. Coates
Sec CMS

W. B. Pollard, Esq.

Church Missionary House,
August 14, 1845.

Dear Sir

1. Since we wrote to you on the 17th of May we have received your Letters of April 18, June 3 & 18/45, & the Revd J. H. Bernau's Letter June 16/45.

2. The sickness & death which has prevailed among the members of our British Guiana Mission have deeply distressed the Comm. The loss of Mrs Bernau is a heavy affliction to him, as well as a severe loss to the Mission; but these afflictions do not spring out of the dust. However grievous, they are the dispensations of a God of infinite wisdom & infinite love. May they be sanctified to us all! We were looking for the Revd J H Bernau's arrival by the last Packet. As we heard nothing of him, we are feeling much uneasiness on his account, as our last advices had left him in a very precarious state of health. Mr Christian reached us in improved health; but we doubt whether he will be able to resume his labours in British Guiana.

3. The Comm. approve of the arrangement made for temporarily placing the Bartica Point Station under the charge of

the Revd R. Woodman. The Comee, however, would be glad of some further information respecting his position. It is not stated how Mr W. came to be disposable for Bartica Point. Trinidad is in great want of Clergymen, & the Bishop of Barbados seems anxious to avail himself of the services of all he can procure. Some explanation seems called for in reference to Mr W's removal from the Island. His whole conduct while connected with the Society in Trinidad was satisfactory to the Comee, & would lead us to expect that he will prove a faithful & diligent labourer wherever he might be placed. We would further ask whether he would be disposable to act permanently in connexion with the Society in British Guiana; & if so, what are the views of the Corr. Comee respecting his character & qualifications for the Bartica Point Station?

4. Mrs Muhlhauser & Miss Moate have safely reached us with the Children respectively under their care.

5. In the appropriation to the several Missions of the sum at the disposal of the Comee for the current year they had set apart £1270 for the British Guiana Mission [illegible] from Aug 1/45 to July 31/46. In the reduced state of the Mission, however, the whole of this sum will not be required, & we doubt not that you will limit the expenses of the Mission within as narrow bounds as possible.

6. In the present state of the Mission we know not what course the Comee will judge it expedient to take respecting it. They had thought of sending out in the Autumn a German Student who has recently joined the Society from Basle in contemplation of his being presented eventually to the Bp. of Guiana

as a Candidate for Holy Orders, as a German would, we understand, find greater facility of entering on Missionary work among the heathen than an Englishman from the remnants of the Dutch language in the Colony. Nothing, however, will be decided until after Mr. Beman's arrival & conference with him.

We remain, Dear Sir
Very truly Yours

Secy. CMS

Revd A Eckel

Church Missionary House,
Sept. 8, 1845.

Dear Sir,

1. Since we wrote to you on the 1st Nov last we have received your Letters of Oct. 5, Nov 1/44, Mar. 19 & 20/45 with their enclosures.

2. We only write now to advise you that by this Ship, the "Tare", Captn. Harding, we forward to you the usual publications to the present date, including copies of the Society's 45th Report. The Invoice is enclosed.

We remain, Dear Sir
Very truly Yours

Secy. CMS

W. B. Pollard Esq

Church Missionary House,
Sept. 12, 1845.

Dear Sir,

By this Ship, the "Ina", Captn. Dell, we

Oct 16/45, Rev T Redford

forward to you the usual publications to the present date, including copies of the Society's 45th Report. The Invoice & Bill of Lading are enclosed.

I remain, Dear Sir
Very truly Yours

Sec. CMS

Rev T Redford

Church Miss^y. House.
October 16. 1845

My dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of the 16th. May last your letters of June 30/45 and July 10/45 have been received.

2. Considering the tenour of your letter of the 30th. June, we are sorry that the suspension for some weeks of Meetings of Committee, in consequence of the absence of Members from town, has prevented an earlier reply to it. It was carefully considered by the Committee on the 14th. Inst, together with the other correspondence relating to the same subject. It was the view of the Committee, as stated in our former letters, that the salary of £300 per annum was the entire amount of their pecuniary obligation on your account, from the period of your landing in Jamaica: and they conceived, that this had been clearly made known to you. They have however felt themselves at liberty under the circumstances detailed in your letters to make you a grant of £100

on account of your outfit in the Island. You will therefore be at liberty to draw a separate bill for that amount on the receipt of this letter. The Committee at the same time have directed us to apprise you, in the most express & explicit manner, that they decline any farther advance on your account for any object whatever beyond the salary of £300 per annum. We trust you will believe that this language is used with no feelings of unkindness towards you, but simply to preclude all future misconception on the subject.

3. With reference to your remark that "you are now occupying a District in which were formerly three Missionary labourers", the Comee doubt the practicability of your continuing to attempt to act ministerially in a District of so wide an extent without breaking down your health. They doubt, too, whether you ought to walk such a distance as six miles "under a burning sun", however painful the disappointment to your people of your absence from the almost inevitable injury to your health which must ensue from such an effort in the climate of Jamaica. They therefore recommend to your consideration the expediency of limiting yourself to such a sphere of action as may be compatible with your physical powers & the preservation of your health. The Comee. are the more earnest in pressing this upon your consideration from the very encouraging character of the Report of your labours contained in your Letter of the 10th July. You may rest fully assured of the lively interest which the Comee take in yourself & in your work, though a comprehensive view of the position of the Society & of the claims of its different Missions has compelled them to impose that strict limit on your expenditure, so far as it is to be provided for

by the Society, mentioned above & in our former Letters.

With kind regards to Mrs Redford, & our prayers for your health & usefulness,

I remain, My dear Sir
Very truly yours
D. Coates
Secy CMS.

Revd F. Redford

Church Missionary House,
October 31, 1845.

Dear Sir,

1. We enclose a duplicate of our Letter of the 16th Inst., since which no communication from you has reached us.

2. By this Ship, the "Black River Packet", we forward the articles requested in your Letter of the 8th March last. The cost is £21. 2. 5, which you will have the goodness to deduct in your drafts upon us. The Invoices & Bill of Lading are sent to Messrs Isaac & Sons, to whom the packages are consigned.

With kind regards to Mrs Redford,

I remain, Dear Sir
Very truly yours
D. Coates
Secy CMS

P.S. We shall be glad to receive a Report of your Station ~~[illegible]~~ for the current year, with the Returns of the Schools &c to the 31st of Decr as soon after that date as you can conveniently prepare & forward them

Messrs Isaacs & Sons

Church Missionary House,
October 31, 1845.

Gentlemen,

We have forwarded by this Ship, the "Black River Packet", 2 cases of Goods, consigned to your care, for the Revd J. Redford, a Missionary of the Society's stationed at Siloah, St Elizabeth, which we shall feel obliged by your forwarding to him by the earliest opportunity. The Invoice & Bill of Lading are enclosed.

Begging you will excuse our thus troubling you,
I remain, Gentlemen,
Very truly Yours
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Revd A Eckel

Church Missionary House.
October 31. 1845.

My dear Sir,

1. In our letter of 8th September we could only acknowledge those received from you since the despatch of our previous letter of November 1. 1844; and apprise you of the transmission of the usual publications by the Sare. We have now to acknowledge your letter of Aug. 6/45, with the Accounts, Returns, and other papers which accompanied it.

2. We were glad to find that your Salary had at length been obtained from the Colonial Funds, and that it had been paid to you from July 1/44.

3. We are sorry that you find so much difficulty in

providing for your Schools; we have received from Lord Stanley a small portion of the Parliamentary Grant for Negro Education for the year 1845. By far the largest part of it, £295 . 17 . 0 Stg, has been assigned by the Committee to Trinidad. for that sum therefore you will be at liberty to draw upon us for the use of the Schools under your charge, in addition to the £100 per annum previously authorized. You must however distinctly understand that this is the last Grant which will be made by Parliament for Negro Education; and is therefore the last sum which you will receive from the Church Missionary Society for School purposes and make your arrangements accordingly.

4. Some other matters contained in your letter we are compelled for the present to pretermit.

5. Be so good as to forward to us a report of your proceedings for the year 1845, together with the Account Current and Returns to the end of the year as soon after the 31st of December as practicable.

I remain, My dear Sir,

Very truly Yours,

D. Coates
Secy. C. M. S.

W. B. Pollard Esq

Church Missionary House,
December 15, 1845.

Dear Sir,

1. We have received no communication from you since we wrote on the 14th of August last. We have, however, received a Letter from the Revd. N. Woodman, dated George Town, Nov. 3/45.

2. We are rather disappointed at not having heard from

you in reply to our Letter of Augt 14th.

3. The Revd Jas Pollitt has addressed a representation to the Comee respecting a state of ~~an~~ account between him & the Corr Comee. The Comee are not in possession of sufficient information to enable them to pronounce an opinion on the validity of Mr Pollitt's claims. They have therefore directed that ~~the whole~~ copies of the whole of the papers which Mr Pollitt has placed in their hands should be forwarded to you. They request you will have the goodness to report to them on the subject with as little delay as your convenience will permit. On referring to your Account Current for one year to Jan 12/44 we perceive that the Comee is debited with Mr Pollitt's salary for 9 months & 6 weeks; but no date is given either of the commencement or the termination of the period. Will you have the goodness in future, with regard to all stated payments, to note in your Account the dates from which & to which the payment is made? This may, in many instances, prevent the necessity of a reference to you for explanation. Mr Pollitt's papers above referred to are enclosed.

4. The Revd J. H. Deman's health is much improved since his arrival in England. He looks forward to return to Demerara about October next: earlier it would ~~not~~ certainly not be safe for him to do so.

5. The Comee have not judged it advisable that Mr Christian should rejoin the Mission.

6. The Revd R. Woodman has, in a Letter from him acknowledged above, offered his services to the Society with a view of being permanently employed in its British Guiana Mission. Having formed a favourable opinion of Mr W's character & conduct while connected with the Society in Trinidad, the Comee are prepared to accept his offer on the terms stated in the Resolution copied below.

Will you have the goodness to inform Mr. Woodman of the Comm^ee's decision, as we fear we shall not be able to write to him by the present Mail.

7. The Comm^ee will endeavour to engage the services of good Schoolmaster for the Bartica Grove Station to cooperate with Mr. Bernau on his return; but agents of this kind are not easily met with, & we may be disappointed.

8. We shall feel obliged by your forwarding the year's Annual Account & the Returns of the Mission as soon after the 31st inst. as possible.

We remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours
Henry Venn

D. Coates
Secs CMS

Church Missionary House,
January 16, 1846.

Revd C. W. Winckler

Dear Sir,

1. We duly received your Letter of Sept 4/45 with Report of Chichester from Mar 1 to Sept 19/45.

2. We were much concerned to hear of your serious illness & were thankful that your health had been reestablished. May it be continued to you & may the Lord increasingly bless you in employing it in ~~your~~ His service.

3. Having written to the Revd J. Mainsby stating our decided opinion of the ineligibility of constructing your Church of Iron we supposed the question had been set at rest. We can only repeat what we have said before that having taken pains to obtain correct information both from practical & scientific persons the conclusion at which we arrived was that it would be quite unadviseable to erect an Iron Church at Chichester. We are sorry if our having not sooner stated this to yourself has occasioned

you any delay or inconvenience.

4. We were glad to find that Mr N. Malcolm has agreed to give £200 toward the erection of the Church as he had originally expressed his willingness to do. It is quite in accordance with the desire which he has uniformly expressed to make provision for the religious instruction of the people connected with his property.

5. You will be at liberty to draw £60 for your Schoolmaster's Salary for the year ending June 30/46. We are sorry to add that this is the last grant you can expect, as we received notice from Lord Stanley that the Parliamentary Grant for Negro Education will not be renewed this Session.

6. There is some difficulty respecting your Account with the Society. The balance due, as stated in your Letter Sept 4/45, £9.14.3, is correct; but there stand against you in our Books two other sums. One £10 advanced on account of Salary Jan 1/37. The other £15.8.5 paid to our friends at Basle Mar 1/37 for Books on your account. We shall therefore be ~~paid~~ glad to receive from you some explanation respecting these two items.

7. The circumstances connected with the laying of the foundation stone of your new Church are very encouraging. We trust the full amount will be obtained to finish the building satisfactorily. May you see abundant fruit of your labours among your people!

8. Pray write to us quarterly with your Journal giving us full particulars of your work.

With the assurance of our constant sympathy & prayers,
We remain, Dear Sir
Very truly yours

D. Coates
Secy CMS.

Rev C. A. Cooper

Church Missionary House,
February 28, 1846.

Dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of Feb 1/44 the following Letters from you have reached us: Your Letters of Jan. 3, Mar. 19, May 6, Aug 6/44, Jan 2, Aug. 5/45, Oct 27/45 one with no date (received Jan 11/46) & Jan 19/46.

2. With regard to the question proposed to the Com^ee in your Letter of Aug. 5/45 as to your removal from Rural Hill, the Com^ee had directed us to inform you that they had no intention of occupying Rural Hill should that Station be vacated by you; but your subsequent Letter having apprised them of your intended continuance there it became unnecessary to address you on that head.

3. The Com^ee are indeed very desirous that the Society should be relieved from the charge of maintaining a Missionary of the Society at Rural Hill. The late Bp. of Jamaica strongly expressed his opinion to the Com^ee that Rural Hill was a very suitable spot to be formed into an Island Curacy, & they had hoped that it would have been long since done. They therefore earnestly hope that the prospect held out in your Letter of the 19th ult., under the provision made in the new Clergy Bill for eight additional Island Curacies, will be realized. You will therefore have the goodness to press this point to the utmost of your power. We have little doubt that the Com^ee would be ready to transfer the Church & School for the benefit of the District were it formed into an Island Curacy as it has such strong claims to be. Should this not be accomplished the only alternative which would remain to the Com^ee would be to diminish the amount of salary quarterly or halfyearly till provision for it was made by the people of the District who enjoy the benefits of your ministry among them. In your Letter of May 6/44 you held out the expectation that the Vestry would ultimately pay "the moiety of your salary". What further has been done since on this subject?

4. The death of the Rev. G. Griffiths is a severe loss to the Parish of which he was Rector. We knew him well, & esteemed & honoured him highly.

We remain, Dear Sir
Very truly Yours

D. Coates
Secy C.M.S.

Mr H. Taylor

Church Missionary House,
February 28, 1846.

Dear Sir,

1. Since we wrote to you on the 1st Mar. 1845, we have received the following communications from you:—

Your Letters March 31, (2) July 5, 21, Sept 30/45, & Jan 12/46
Journal Jan. to Mar/45, Mar. to June/45, June to Sept/45, & [illegible]
Report of Churchill June/45, Sept/45, & Dec/45.

2. In reference to the Rev J. F. Sessing's proposal of your being admitted to Holy Orders on a Title given by him, the Commee adopted the following Resolution:—

"That the question of the admission of Mr H. Taylor to Holy Orders with the view of his relieving Mr Sessing at Birnam Wood during his visit to Europe be referred to the Bp. of Jamaica; & that should his Lordship think it right to ordain him, the Commee will be prepared to continue his present salary for another year; but that they cannot undertake the payment of it beyond that period."

The subject of this Resolution has been mentioned to the Bp of Jamaica. His Lordship did not give a formal decision upon it; but we infer from the manner in which he spoke that he will decline to accede to Mr Sessing's proposal. Should this be so your position with regard to the Society will stand as it was explained to you in par. 4 of our Letter of March 1/45, & your salary from the Society will cease at Midsummer next. With regard to the future the Comee in that

Letter have offered you a passage to England for yourself & family should you not enter on another situation in the Island whereby you might provide for yourself. The Comee cannot hold out any expectation to you of being employed in any other quarter in connexion with the Society.

3. We are sorry to find that Mrs Taylor has been suffering so much in health. We trust that the means resorted to may, through the Divine blessing, have led to its reestablishment.

With every good wish for yourself & family,
We remain, Dear Sir
Very truly Yours

D. Coates
Secy CMS

Mr F. Byrne

Church Missionary House,
February 28, 1846.

Dear Sir

1. Since we wrote to you on March 1/45, we have received the following Letters from you:

Your Letters Ap. 22, July 16, Oct. 11/45, & Jan. 16/46
Report of Prattville, Sept./45 & Dec./45

2. In reference to the inquiry contained in your Letter of July 16/45, whether Prattville had been handed over to the Bishop — this has not been done, because the Bp. of Jamaica, as he informs us, has not the means of supplying the salary. Under these circumstances the Comee felt much embarrassment as to the course which they ought to take. On the one hand they were very reluctant to deprive the people of your services, by which they have we trust been profitted, by withdrawing your salary; while on the other they did not consider it right to charge the Society permanently with it. They therefore adopted the following Resolution:—

That under the circumstances stated by Mr Byrne the Comm. will be prepared to continue half the amount of his present salary for the year 1846."

From the tenor of your Letter of the 16th ult. we trust that this grant will enable you to go on at the Station without inconvenience, aided by that measure of support from the people of your charge which is due to you. You will therefore ~~will~~ be at liberty to draw £25 quarterly through the present year.

3. Your quarterly Reports have afforded the Comm. much satisfaction & make them very desirous that the people should continue to enjoy the benefit of your services.

With our best wishes for your usefulness & comfort,

I remain Dear Sir
Very truly Yours

D. Coates
Secy

W. D. Pollard Esq

Church Missionary House,
April 6, 1846.

Dear Sir

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of Dec. 15/45 the following communications from you have reached us:—

Your Letter Feb 18/46 with Account Current for 1845
Remarks on Mr Pollett's Letter, Feb 3/46.
Receipts &c of Mr Pollett for monies paid

2. We are much obliged to you for your explanations respecting Mr Pollett's Account. We have not yet, however, been able to look into them.

3. This Letter will (D.V.) be delivered to you by Mr E. Butler, who has been appointed by the Comm. to

act as Schoolmaster at Bartica Grove under the direction of the Missionary there & of the Corr: Committee at Demerara. A copy of the Committee's Instructions to Mr Butler is enclosed. Mr Butler has resided for a short time at the Institution, & is considered by the Revd J.H. Bernau as well calculated for the office to which he has been appointed. We entertain a confident hope that Mr & Mrs Butler will prove faithful & useful labourers. May it please God to grant that these hopes may be fully realized!

4. We forward by Mr Butler our usual publications to the present date.

We remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours
Henry Venn
Richard Davies.
Secs CMS.

Mr D Butler

Church Missionary House,
April 6, 1846.

Dear Sir,

1. We enclose a copy of the Instructions of the Committee which were delivered to you on the 31st ult, which we request you will have the goodness to acknowledge.

2. There are a few matters of detail not mentioned in your Instructions on which it is requisite tha

you should be informed.

3. The Corr. Committee in Demerara will fix the amount of your salary, & from them you will receive the money requisite to enable you to proceed to Barkica Grove & for your settlement at that Station.

4. The sum of £15 has been given to you to meet any expenses to which you may be subject on any unforeseen occasion for money previously to your arrival in Demerara. For this or the balance of it, if any be expended, you will have the kindness to account to the Corr. Committee.

5. You will have the kindness to address all your official communications to us through the Corr. Commee. This course is necessary to enable the Local Commee properly to discharge the duties confided to them by the Parent Commee in superintending & directing the affairs of the Mission. You will at the same time be at liberty to write to us direct on any subject on which you may wish to refer to us in a private & confidential manner.

6. The Commee attach much importance to the regular transmission of a quarterly Journal of your proceedings, & to your keeping a full & exact account of all public money expended by you or under your directions. To these points therefore we earnestly beg your particular attention.

7. The Commee wish you to make yourself useful during your voyage. They particularly commend the Crew

to your care You will, however, bear in mind that it will be necessary to obtain the sanction of the Captain in order to your intercourse with them for the purpose of religious instruction & will arrange your plans so as least to interfere with the business of the Ship. You will be provided with Bibles, Prayer Books, & Tracts for the use of the Crew.

8. We enclose a Letter to W. B. Pollard Esq Treasurer of the Corr Comd, which you will have the kindness to deliver to him on your landing in Demerara, who will give you directions as to your future proceedings.

9. We enclose the Invoice of your Outfit.

10. We shall be glad to hear from you by any opportunity during the voyage, and also as soon as possible after your arrival at Demerara.

With our prayers for your future comfort & usefulness

I remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours

Richard Davies.
Secty

Instructions of the Committee to Mr Daniel Butler and Mrs Butler, proceeding to the British Guiana Mission. Delivered March 31st 1846.

Dear Mr Butler,

As your departure has been hurried in consequen of the sailing of the vessel in which your passage has been taken, at an earlier period than the Committee had anticipated; they are obliged to take leave of you on the present occasion, instead of waiting till other Missionaries are dismissed, who are shortly to proceed to different parts of the world.

The Missionary enterprise upon which you are entering is one peculiar in its interests in its difficulties and in its trials.

The wandering Tribes of Indians who were the aboriginal inhabitants of America are fast wasting away both in the north and in the south. European colonization has been in some respects the innocent, but in many more respects the guilty, cause of their destruction. European Christians therefore owe it to the representative remnants of these tribes as a sacred debt, and as the only reparation in their power, to impart to them the benefits of European civilization and christian instruction.

The Society's Mission in British Guiana has been established upon this principle. It has been in operation for 19 years; and the first-fruits of its success have been such as abundantly to repay the labours and sacrifices connected with its establishment, and to fulfil the best hopes of its friends.

It has been proved that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation in respect of the wandering Indian no less manifestly than in respect of more civilized nations. Hundreds have heard, and have embraced, and have obeyed the Gospel of Christ. They have put off the old man and have put on the new man which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness: and from being once wandering, terrific and superstitious savages they have become an affecti settled congregation of devout worshippers of the true God, the friends, and, in times of affliction, the tender comforters of their spiritual guides.

In the christian Indian village at Bastian Gom— to which you will proceed — the fruits of the spirit of God have been manifested in a degree which causes many a Christian Pastor at home to sigh for the same tokens of divine favour.

These statements are made advisedly; not only to excite your interest in the future field (if the Lord will) of your labours; but also to afford an occasion of cautioning and guarding your mind against future disappointment. For the Committee frankly tell you that they do not expect that you, upon your arrival in the Mission, will take the same view of the case.. Many Missionaries have in the first instance been much disappointed when they have compared the glowing accounts of success which they heard at home, with the actual state of things on the spot. And it has taken some time and some degree of Missionary experience to rectify their judgment, and to enable them to discern the real work of God in the hearts of the people.

For when we speak of Missionary success we refer to the previous heathen state of the converts: we make the comparison from that point of view: but when the spectator arrives from Europe with his views formed upon the standard of European religion and civilization, and when he first sees christians in a half civilized state, and with habits and modes of thinking utterly remote from his own, — he is apt to form a very erroneous judgment of their spiritual state.

The Committee would wish to guard you agains this danger by the remarks they have made, and to prepare you the better for the work which awaits you.

Be not too hasty in forming an opinion; wait till you have had some little time for observation; respect the experience of those who have been longer on the field, and pray to Him who has called you to the work to give you a right judgment in all things.

Let the remarks which have been made prepare you also for the work which awaits you. You go out as a schoolmaster. The sphere of your labour will be among children, but they are children not such as you have been accustomed to in this country, but children of the woods - taken from the woods in a savage state, and requiring not only teaching but moral training also. They are also children wholly cast upon your care. They have been separated from their parents, lest the indolent and pernicious examples of their friends should counteract and destroy the principles which might be inculcated at school, it has been judged necessary to remove them altogether from the danger of being contaminated, and to place them under the special care of a resident Schoolmaster. The experience of several years has proved that this plan is the most effective for weaning them from idleness and all other bad habits; and for bringing them up to industry, order, and the cultivation of all other christian virtues.

It will be your duty therefore to superintend their behaviour and employments, under the direction of the Missionary, both before and after school hours, such as their manual labour in the garden or work-shop, and to attend them at their meals to teach them proper behaviour, and to see that all retire to rest and rise in the morning at the proper time.. All the arrangements will of course be made with a proper attention to your own meals and seasons of recreation.

The Committee will urge you to remember that children of such a condition as they have described must be treated with all possible kindness, patience and forbearance, consistent with proper discipline. In all savage tribes there is peculiar jealousy on the part of Parents against the correction of their children. In many of the Missions of the Society this circumstance creates the great difficulty in the way of the establishment of schools. Hence the Committee wish it to be understood that no punishment should be inflicted upon the children without the knowledge and consent of the Missionary, that he may have the opportunity of convincing the parents of the propriety of the correction, and of the nature and evil consequences of the offence for which the children are punished.

Besides the care of the school which includes the duty of seeing that the schoolroom is kept in proper order, and that the books and clothes and working tools of the children are duly preserved, it will be your office to provide for the cleansing and ventilation of the church, and the keeping it in proper order for divine worship.

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In this statement of duties, you Mrs Butler will have perceived how large a part you may bear in the work. The Committee rejoice to believe that you will prove a help-meet for your husband no less in the work of the Lord than in all which concerns his temporal comforts and employments.

You will not regard these instructions as laying upon you any unreasonable charge, or as entering into unnecessary details when you view your work and office in the right light.

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It is not merely to take charge of a single school, and to train a few children in Christian knowledge and habits, but it is to train a nation of Indians now as it were in a state of infancy. Your school will be humanly speaking the main hope and stay of their national education. You have to set the standard and the model which if God blesses the Mission may exercise its influence far and wide and to many generations.

Nor must you regard your occupations alone and independent of other parts of the Mission system, but as closely and essentially united with them, and as partaking of their spiritual character. Your position will be subordinate to that of the Missionary, but you will bear an honourable part in the success of the Mission, and hereafter an abundant share of its eternal reward.

In the due subordination of all the parts and offices of a Mission its beauty and efficient working and its success mainly depend: Satan knows this: hence one of his most subtle and persevering devices in every case is to cast in jealousies and the seeds of pride, or envy; or whatever other root of bitterness may spring up in the rank soil of human depravity to disturb the harmony of Missions and to separate brethren.

Guard against this snare. Fortify your mind with those many injunctions of holy writ which bear directly upon this point; such as, "mind not high things but condescend to men of low estate." (Rom. 12.16) "Whosoever will be great among you shall be your minister, and whosoever of you will be the chiefest shall be servant of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give his life a ransom for many. (Mark. 10.43.) And again: The body is not one member but many. If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye; I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? But now are they many members yet but one body. And the eye cannot say to the hand, I have no need of thee; nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another." (1 Cor. 12)

May you and each member of the Mission body act in the spirit of these divine sayings; and may the Lord be with you, to guide, protect and bless you in all your works and ways. Amen.

By order of the Committee.

Secy. C. M. S.

Church Missionary House.
April 1st 1846.

Bp of Jamaica

Church Missionary House
12 March 1846

My Lord

I yesterday received your Lordship's letter of the 4th instant, which had been missent in the first instance.

The Society are much indebted to your Lordship for the adoption of the Church Missy. Station at Knockalva as an Island Curacy, & the appointment of the Society's Missionary the Revd: Mr. Winkler to that cure.

The Committee have already communicated with the Revd: Mr. Cooper with the view of ascertaining whether it may not be possible to provide a part of his salary from local resources: so that by a gradual reduction the Society may be relieved from the cost of his maintenance. This plan is adopted with success by the Society for the propagation of the Gospel in the case of Missionaries sent to Australia.

I much regret to say that the last mail brought intelligence from the Revd: Mr. Redford that he had suffered a severe illness, from an affection of the heart as it was apprehended: & that he should probably be obliged to return home at once. If this should be the case I fear that the Committee would be unable to send out a Successor for Mr. Redford's station.

The Committee have written to Mr. Taylor to offer him a passage home, or to dissolve their connexion with him, if he prefers remaining in the Island.

The case of Mr. Byrne will be distinctly brought before the Committee at their next meeting upon your Lordship's statement respecting him. But I apprehend that when he is removed from his present station, the Society will not be prepared to supply his place with an ordained Missionary.

I am

My Lord

Your very faithful

& obedient Servant

Henry Venn

Secy. C.M.S.

Rev A Eckel

Church Missionary House
June 1, 1846.

Dear Sir

You will probably have heard of the sad loss which the Society has sustained in the death of our late excellent Secretary Mr Coates. He was taken from us on the 23d of April, after a protracted illness through remittent fever of nearly a month. He had no immediate apprehension of danger; but his faith & hope were firmly fixed upon the true foundation, & his last thoughts & prayers were devoted to the interests of this Society.

These circumstances will explain the delay which has taken place in settling some of the matters connected with Trinidad. Your Letter of the 4th of April, which arrived after Mr Coates' death has brought to our notice the fact that no step has yet been taken respecting the transfer of the Society's property in Trinidad to the Bp of Barbados & his successors.

A Letter from the Bp of Barbados July 4/45 informed us of the division of the Island into Parishes & of the appointment of yourself Mr Gilbert & Mr Hawkins to three of the Rectories. His Lordship also requested us to write to the Governor of Trinidad to procure the transfer of that portion of the Society's property of which the sites had been given by Government but which had not been formally conveyed, namely, San Fernando, Savanna Grande, & Dunmore Hill.

You have also requested to be furnished with a document for effecting the transfers.

As this Society is not incorporated we are unable to give a power of Attorney; but our legal advisers inform us that the Resolution of which we now transmit you a copy, will be a sufficient authority for any parties who hold property in trust for the Society to make the required transfers.

We have therefore written to His Excellency H. Macleod furnishing him with a copy of the Resolution & requesting him to make the transfers of the Government sites.

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It appears from the Bishop's Letter that the site at Belmont was given by Judge Johnston, who we presume is in the Island, & if so the transfer can probably be made under the authority of the Resolution we now transmit.

If any difficulty exists in respect of the remaining sites, we ~~we~~ must request you to procure for us the information respecting the parties holding the same in trust for the Society which will enable us to make the transfers.

Under our present circumstances we are unable to notice the Accomplishment which you have furnished to us.

We received with much interest your information respecting your new Church & we trust that through the Divine blessing your best wishes may be accomplished; & that the new ecclesiastical arrangements may lead to the establishment of that good work which you & your coadjutors were the instruments under God of commencing.

"Commending you & your work to His grace
I remain, Dear Sir,
truly & affectly yours
Henry Venn
Richard Davies.
Sec. CMS

Bp of Barbados

Church Missy House
1 June 1846

My Lord Bishop

I can only apologize for the delay which has taken place in acknowledging your very kind letter of July 4 1845 by explaining the circumstances in which we have been placed, by the illness & death of our late Lay Secy Mr Coates. It was part of his office to arrange the transfer of the Society's property in Trinidad, according to the Resolution of the Society & your Lordship's request - I fear that, owing to the circumstances which I have mentioned, no step has yet been taken in the business. A letter lately received ~~received~~ from Mr Eckel informs us of this fact. The matter was immediately brought before the Committee, & by the advice of our Legal Advisers the Resolution was adopted of which I transmit you copy; & which I trust will enable the Parties holding any of the Society's property to make the required transfer.

I have written by this mail to the Governor Sir H. Macleod & to Mr Eckel, & have transmitted a copy of the Resolution to each.

I trust therefore that this matter will at length be arranged according to your Lordship's suggestions

I must thank your Lordship in the name of the Society for the very kind consideration you have manifested towards us in the appointment of Messrs Eckel, Gilbert & Hawkins to Rectories:- as well as for the honorable testimony you bear to their previous labours in connexion with the Society. I trust that the same divine blessing may be with them and that the ecclesiastical arrangements which have been made may tend to the establishment of true religion amongst the people.

The Committee are not insensible of the claims of Trinidad as a Missionary Field from the influx of heathen from Asia & Africa - but they regret that they are still compelled to adhere to their Resolution of withdrawing from it - by the pressure upon our funds of other Missions to which we are still more deeply pledged both in India & Africa - & where converts are actually unsupplied with Teachers, though they have renounced heathenism, & solicited Christian instruction.

Amidst much that is most gratifying in the office I hold, it is continually painful to me to be obliged to communicate an unfavorable reply to applications, such as your Lordship has made, for extending the Society's aid to inviting fields of labour.

I have the honor &c

My Lord Bishop

Your obliged & faithful Servant
Henry Venn
Hon.y Sec. Ch. Miss.y Soc.

The Lord Bishop of Barbados

Governor Macleod

Church Missionary House,
London, June 1, 1846.

Sir,

We have heard from the Lord Bishop of Barbados that he communicated with your Excellency, when he was last year in the Island of Trinidad, respecting the transfer of certain ecclesiastical Buildings belonging to the Church Missionary Society, to his Lordship & his successors, in trust for the purposes of their erection.

The Society resolved in the year 1842 to make such transfer, as soon as they should be relieved of all expence attending the Stations, by the placing of the Missionaries & Schoolmasters upon the ecclesiastical establishment of the Island.

The Lord Bishop informs us that this has now been done: & he requests us "to communicate directly with your Excellency & to ask you to have the sites which had been granted by Government for the erection of these ecclesiastical buildings & which had never been formally secured conveyd to the Bishop of the Diocese & Rector of each parish for the time being in trust for the purposes of their erection"

June 1/46, Revd W. Cornwall

The Committee have directed me to request your Excellency to make the transfers which the Bishop describes.

This Society not being an incorporated Body is unable to execute a power of Attorney - But we are informed by our Legal advisers that the transmission of this Letter to your Excellency & the accompanying Resolution will be a sufficient authority for effecting the transfer.

We understand that there are three sites which were given to the Society by Government, namely, at San Fernando, at Savanna Grande, & at Dunmore Hill.

Owing to the illness & death of our late Lay Secretary a delay has occurred in the transmission of this communication to your Excellency, for which I beg to apologise.

I remain, Sir,
Your Excellency's
Very faithful & humble Servant
Henry Venn
Secy. M.S.

London
Church Missy. House
1 June 1846

Revd W Cornwall

Revd Sir

Your letter of the 2d April, in which you enquire respecting the appointment of a Missionary at Bastian, either in the place of Mr Bernan or as an additional Labourer with him; &

Rev. W. Cornwall, June/46

express a wish to offer yourself for such a post:— was laid before the Committee at a late meeting.

I am happy to say that we have every expectation of the return of Mr. Bernau to his station in the course of a few months in restored health.

A School Master has also sailed to assist in that mission. We have therefore no present intention of making any change or addition, in reference to the Mission.

Independently of this consideration the Committee are disinclined to entertain the offer of service from a clergyman with whom they have not the pleasure of a personal acquaintance.

Allow me however to express the high respect which we entertain for the motives & views which your letter states: & our hope that our Mission will still have the benefit of your cordial sympathy & support.

The statements of Mr. Bernau have excited a very great interest in the Mission which I trust the Lord will overrule to the advancement of the work.

I am
Rev & dear Sir
very faithfully yours
Henry Venn
Hon. Sec. Ch. Miss. Socy.

The Revd. William Cornwall
British Guiana

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W B Pollard Esq

Church Missionary House,
August 11, 1846.

Dear Sir,

1. By desire of the Committee, I beg to transmit the estimated Grant for the current year's expenditure of the British Guiana Mission amounting to £1250.

2. In transmitting your Account Current, you are requested to send a Summary similar to the enclosure, in addition to the usual details of expenditure.

3. The Committee hope that you will forward an Estimate of your expected expenditure for the year 1847-48 so as to reach this House in February next. A Summary corresponding to the enclosed document will be very useful to the Comtee in taking your Estimate into consideration.

I remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours
H Straith
Acting Sec CMS.

Church Missy. Society
London 16 Octr. 1846

My dear Mr. Van Cooten

I have very great pleasure in replying to your letter of the 18th of August; having a perfect recollection of my interviews with you at Hornsey & at Highgate & of account which Mr. Elliott gave me of his intercourse with you. You also wrote me a letter on the eve of your departure from England this I preserved. I was therefore prepared for the decision to which you have been led, I doubt not by the Spirit of God, to offer yourself to the Church Missy Society as a Missionary.

I have brought your application before the Committee, upon which the following Resolution was adopted -

"That Mr Van Cooten be informed that the Committee will be happy to receive him into the Islington Institution on the usual terms of probation, if he shall come over to this country: & that if necessary the Society will defray the expense of his passage".

Our students in the Institution are wholly supported by the Society & receive £25 per annum for personal expenses. The usual terms of probation are that at the end of 6 months a student appears before the Committee & the Principal reports upon his progress in his studies & his qualifications for Missionary employment. As soon as he is sufficiently prepared for the examination of the Bishop of London he is presented for Holy orders.

I trust that after this explanation you will have no difficulty in coming over here - & I pray that the Lord may guide you & us in every step of our future course. I am sure that you will find our Islington Institution a very delightful residence - & I shall rejoice in the time when you are able to go out as a Preacher of the Gospel. All your medical experience may be made subservient to the preaching of the gospel; for in many stations it is an introduction of the most important kind to the confidence of the people.

We are indeed in great want of men to go forth as Missionaries. Every arrival from abroad brings us fresh encouragement from some field of labour & shews us open doors: Mr. Smith of China has just returned & his account of the willingness of the people in the Northern Ports to welcome Missionaries is most encouraging. May the Lord put it into the hearts of many to devote themselves as you have done to this blessed work.

Pray give our best Christian regards to Mr. Pollard & the Rev W. Fox & thank them for their kind letters. Mr. Berman has not yet returned from the Continent: but as soon as he does so I trust that he will make preparations for resuming his Missionary duties. We shall write upon some points of business when he is with us.

Commending you to the care & grace of the Lord
I am
My dear Mr. Van Cooten
very sincerely yours
Henry Venn
Secy. Ch. Miss. Socy.

Mr. H. Taylor

Church Missionary House
November 2, 1846.

Dear Sir

1. Since we wrote to you on the 28th of Feby. last the following communications from you have reached us:-

Your Letters May 14, July 6, 8, & 20/46
Report of Church Hill, March 1846
Journal, Jan to June 30/46.

2. You have probably by this time heard of the safe arrival in this country of your Son Henry & we earnestly hope that it may please God to guide his steps & to make him a comfort to you in his future course.

3. Since we wrote to you on the 28th of Feby. we have received a communication from the Bp. of Jamaica, in which his Lordship holds out no hope whatever of his being able to admit you to Holy Orders in his Diocese. Unless therefore his Lordship's intentions have been changed since his return to Jamaica, & if you have not entered upon another situation in the Island whereby you might provide for yourself, you will probably have no alternative but that of availing yourself of the Society's offer of a passage to England for yourself & family. We shall be daily expecting your return.

4. You are aware that the Society is under no engagement to pay your salary beyond Midsummer last, & I regret to have to repeat that the Comee. cannot hold out any expectations to you of being employed in any other quarter in connexion with the Society.

With kind regards to yourself & family
We remain, Dear Sir

Very truly Yours

Richard Davies
H: Straith
Secs CMS

Right Reverend
The Lord Bishop of Jamaica

Church Missionary House,
December 16, 1846.

My Lord,

It is with much regret that the Committee have been compelled to come to the conclusion that they would not be justified in sending out the Rev. F. Redford to occupy his late Station Siloah upon the footing on which he was originally placed there, as the Medical Adviser of the Committee has given a decided opinion that his constitution will not be able to bear a continuance of labour in a tropical climate.

The Committee might indeed have been willing to have continued Mr Redford there for a year or two longer had there been a prospect of the Station becoming an Island Curacy at the termination of that period. It was upon this prospect that the Committee were induced to send Mr Redford to Jamaica in the year 1844 as the Resolution referred to in my Letter of January 31/44 stated to your Lordship.

Your Lordship's Letter however of the 4th of March, 1846, informs us that there is no such prospect, & as the Comtee cannot feel themselves at liberty under any circumstances to keep up a permanent Mission in Jamaica, they have been obliged to terminate their engagement with Mr Redford.

Mr Dickenson however upon hearing the decision of the Committee wrote to us to propose that the Society should give a stipend of £100 a year for 4 years towards the support of a Missionary at Siloah, in the hope that the rest of the stipend could be raised from other sources; & that at the close of that period some arrangement would be practicable for continuing to that Station the benefit of a resident Missionary independently of the funds of the Society.

The Committee have expressed their willingness to contribute the stipend of £100 a year for 4 years to that Station, provided any Minister who has been connected with the Society be placed there.

Mr Redford having determined on his own responsibility & resources to visit Jamaica his presence may perhaps facilitate such an arrangement.

Mr Dickenson informs us that he has written to your Lordship upon the subject.

We have been much grieved at the intelligence of the severe domestic afflictions with which Mr Winckler has been visited.

We are expecting Mr Taylor's return home. The operations of the Society in your Lordship's Diocese will be contracted within narrower limits. It will not be without regret that we shall terminate our connexion with Jamaica. Would that it were in our power to keep up our labours in the West Indies! but while the claims of India and Africa are rapidly increasing our income has remained for the last 5 or 6 years nearly stationary, & we are obliged to contract our operations within the field specially marked out as the province of the Society.

I am, My Lord

Your very faithful Servant

Henry Venn

Secy CMS

Church Missy House
16 Dec 1846

My dear Dr. Panton

1. Since the death of poor Mr. Coates we have been endeavouring to get some matters into order which owing to the overwhelming multiplicity of his engagements were allowed to fall into arrears.

2 Our attention has been lately directed to the state of the society's property & of the accounts connected with our late operations, in Jamaica.

3. Mr. Dickenson has informed us that property which was purchased by the Society from him, was not conveyed after several years delay to the Society - & that he has consequently made it over formally to the Bishop. He intimates that there is other property of the Society similarly situated.

4 Mr. Dowet also has written to say that he has been using furniture & books belonging to the Society for which he is willing to pay the value.

5 I am fully aware of the difficulties & haste with which we were surrounded & pressed forward in the withdrawal of our operations from Jamaica. & the Committee are prepared to make every allowance for the perplexities in which you were involved: I am sure therefore that I may reckon upon your friendly assistance in ascertaining what is the actual positi

of the Society at this time with respect to its property in Jamaica, & in what way we may turn it to the best account.

6. I cannot find that we have any description of the property or any copies of the Title deeds: In your letter of the 19 July 1842 you give a general enumeration of the houses & churches. But it is most desirable that we should be immediately furnished with exact particulars of whatever belongs to us - in whose custody it now is - & by what ~~tenure~~ it is held.

7. We have heard that there is a Coffee Estate at Manchester, Old England, which was purchased by the Society from Mr. Rowe which is lying waste. Such reports naturally excite our desire to wind up our affairs with the least possible delay, & to take measures for turning our property to some useful purpose.

8 We find also that the account current between the Corresponding Committee & the Society has never been formally closed - can you furnish us with information upon this point?

9. I have thus frankly stated the difficulties in which we are placed - & rely upon your giving us such information - or forwarding to us such documents as may enable us in some measure to bring matters to a satisfactory position.

We have obtained the services of a very competent successor to Mr. Coates in Major Straith - but I have preferred writing to you myself as I remember with pleasure the intercourse which I had with you when you were in England.

Believe me
My dear Dr. Panton
very faithfully yours
Henry Venn

320 April 14/47 Bp. of Jamaica

The Lord Bishop of Jamaica

Church Missy. House
London. 14 April 1847

My Lord

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's letter of Feby. 6th which I have taken the earliest opportunity of laying before the Committee: & it has received their best & most anxious consideration.

They have directed me to express their regret that Mr. Redford has been unable even to take a temporary charge of the congregation at Siloah, - & that no other of the former agents of the Society has been found to undertake it.

From the way in which this matter was brought before the Committee by Mr. Redford & Mr. Dickinson the Committee had anticipated a different result.

They do not however feel themselves at liberty to make the same grant to any new Agent; as the Society was pledged in the most public manner 4 & 5 years ago not to employ any fresh Agents in Jamaica, or in any of the West Indian missions except in that to the Indian Tribes of British Guiana.

The Comee. are deeply pained at the prospect of a congregation, such as that at Siloah, -

being left without adequate pastoral super-intendence: but at the same time it was fully understood when the Society first extended its labours to the West Indies, in the conferences held with your Lordship's Predecessor & with the first Bishop of Barbadoes, that those labours were to be temporary; & that when Christian congregations should be fully organized the support of their Pastors should be provided for from other sources.

We are truly thankful to hear that Knockalva & Mr Winkler have been transferred to the Establishment, all our knowledge & experience of his labours have tended to heighten our estimate of his excellence as a Christian man & Minister.

I have the honor to be
My Lord
Your Lordship's very faithful
& obedient Servant
Henry Venn
Honr Secy C.M.S.

London
Church Missionary House
May 15th 1847

To William B Pollard Esqr

My dear Mr Pollard.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 19th of March, conveying the sad intelligence of the death of Mr Butler. By perusing the enclosed letter from the Revd. H Venn to Mr. Butler, you will see what arrangements are proposed on this melancholy occasion.

The Revd. J H Bernau is to leave England in the Steamer that sails from Southampton on the 2nd of June: he will be accompanied by Mrs Bernau; his two youngest Children and a female Servant: also by Mr. Sheldon, a Schoolmaster, to supply the place of the late Mr Butler: we trust that they will be conveyed in safety to their sphere of labour, by His watchful and kind providence, in whose blessed service they are engaged: and we shall be happy to hear from you of their safe arrival in Demerary.

Mr Van Cooten has been brought in safety to England; he is now visiting some of his friends: and next week he will probably enter into the College at Islington.

I am thankful for the opportunity of opening a correspondence with you in the cause of our Lord and Master: we have a mutual interest in each other through the family of the Smiths' of Demerara: You probably remember that I am married to a sister of your late friends Dr. John Lucie Smith and Dr Evan Smith. I hope that Charles Smith, lately gone on to your Colony, attends the means of grace at Christ Church.

I am
My dear Mr Pollard
Yours faithfully
H Straith
Secretary
CMS.

Mrs Butler
Bartica Grove

Church Missy House
15 May 1847

My dear Mrs Butler

The last mail brought us the very afflicting intelligence of the great loss which you have sustained & which the Mission has also sustained, in the death of your husband. We can only say - as thousands of the Lord's people in every age have said. It is the Lord! - But that is enough for us. He has the keys of the invisible world & He appoints the exact circumstances by which each of his children, shall ~~should~~ be called into his presence. For your letter from the Revd. H Venn to Mrs Butler, you will see what arrangements are proposed on this melancholy occasion.

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We have communicated with Mr. French of Bealy respecting your future plans. If you wish to return to England the Soc: will pay your passage home, & give you £40 per ann: for your support till you are able in some way to provide for your own support. But if the Lord has given you the desire & the opportunity to continue your labours on behalf of the heathen in British Guiana the Socy. would I am sure be thankful to give you employment in the department of female education, in case Mr. Bernau upon his return shall concur in any such arrangement.

This letter will not reach you till several months after the sad event to which it refers yet I believe that the bitterness of the wound will still be fresh in your mind. Such wounds are not soon healed - But I trust that

You will also have experienced the power of that grace which can give songs in the night, & which hereafter shall wipe away all tears from the eyes.

Commending you to that grace
I remain
Dear Madam
very sincerely yours
Henry Venn
Sec. C. M. S.

W. B. Pollard, Esq,

Church Missionary House
May 17, 1847.

Dear Sir,

By this Ship the "Caesar", Captn Evans, we forward to you the Baggage & Outfit of the Revd. J. H. Bernau, who is coming out by the Steamer of the 2d prox. We also forward our usual publications to the present date. The Invoice & Bill of Lading are enclosed.

I remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours
H. Straith
Sec CMS

Instructions of the Committee to the Rev. John Henry Bernau and Mr. Sheldon proceeding to British Guiana; the Rev. John Fowler Johnston and the Rev Isaiah Wood proceeding to Ceylon; the Rev Edmund Johnson proceeding to Travancore; the Rev Samuel Hasell and Mr. Michael Wilkinson proceeding to the North India Mission; and to the Rev. Thomas Jerram proceeding to Bombay: Delivered May 24. 1847.-

Dearly beloved in the Lord,

The Committee desire to direct your attention on this occasion to a few subjects which they have frequently urged upon the Missionaries departing to their stations, and which the advanced state of many of the Missions of the Society renders more than ever important.

I The first subject is the duty of mutual confidence and cordial cooperation amongst all Missionary labourers, especially those of the same Society and Station.

In the early stage of a Mission each labourer has much work to do which may be accomplished singly and independently of others. Such as preaching to the heathen, teaching the catechumens, instituting schools, translational labours &c.; in all this he may do much work alone. However desirable for his own spirit that he should have frequent conference with his brethren, yet the work proceeds in his particular department.

But when the second stage is attained and Christian congregations have been formed, and Native Teachers have been appointed, more or less approaching to the character of Native Pastors, then new duties and responsibilities arise, and there is an urgent necessity for cordial union and co-operation between the fellow labourers in the Mission for mutual confidence, for frequent counsels and joint deliberation.

It now becomes necessary that each labourer should look beyond his particular sphere, should consider the end to be kept in view, and how the various plans in operation may combine together towards the attainment of that end.

That end is not the multiplication of Missionary Stations over the whole land, - but the establishment of a few well selected and strong stations, where the foundations of a native church may be wisely laid, where a native agency may be trained to carry forward the work, independently of Missionary assistance: so that the Missionary Stations may become radiant points amidst the surrounding gloom - centres of faith, hope, and charity - affording at once the source and the standard of Christian truth and morals to the rising Native church.

All Missionary proceedings should be arranged in reference to this enlarged view of the subject, and to the ultimate results of our measures. But how shall we secure this unity of purpose without the mutual dependence and combined influence of each part of the Mission. And how shall this be accomplished unless there be mutual confidence and frequent consultation and united prayer on the part of those who conduct Missionary operations. And how can these exist unless there be christian love and mutual forbearance and ready concession and self sacrifice, and a holy determination to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

The first counterplot against Missionary success of the great enemy of the gospel, is to blind the minds of the heathen, lest the light should shine into them, and to discourage or deaden the zeal of the Missionary. But when a few believe his next attempt will be to confine the light which is kindled to each spot to keep it from spreading - and for this purpose to act upon the natural selfishness of the human heart which prompts each of us to pursue our own plans in our own way: or else alas! to sow discord among brethren, and thus to hinder the godly union which is essential to a combination of plans, and which often produces such blessed results as may be well illustrated by the effects of several small flames kindling together to produce increased light and warmth and to spread around with irresistible force. -

The Committee do not forget their own functions and that their Missionaries -

may fairly look up to them for general direction and superintendence in their work; but such is the variety of circumstances that the deliberations at home upon each Mission must depend upon the elements furnished to them from abroad chiefly, in the way of united suggestions. Judge of the grief and humiliation which too often oppresses the Committee when instead of such interesting subjects of deliberation they are called upon to compose discord and to decide contentions. They know by sad experience that where the spirit of love is wanting in any Mission, there the work of grace stands still, even if there be not confusion and every evil work.

But enough of this. We speak to you Brethren in the way of caution. We hope and trust that you will go out, whether as fresh labourers from the church at home, or as having been invigorated in spirit by your visit home to gladden and refresh the spirits of those whom you will find toiling under the burden and heat of the work. to tell them of the lively sympathy and the earnest prayers with which the Lord's people at home regard them, and to consult and labour with them for the full success of our Missionary enterprize.

II And the point which the advanced state of our Missions induces the Committee to urge upon your attention is the importance of raising the standard of christian profession in the Native flocks.

Let the congregation of Native Christians at each station be the subjects of your continual prayers. Remember that it is not only the salvation of the souls committed to you for which you strive; but that they may become living examples of Christian truth to their countrymen, holding forth the word of life to all around them and so the instrumental cause of the salvation of multitudes whom your personal labours can never reach and for whom no other pastor is at hand. Remember also that you labour amidst adverse and counteracting influences such as do not exist at home. Here there are many congregations where spiritual life is maintained by the quiet ministrations of a faithful Pastor delivering the pure doctrine from the pulpit at stated seasons and occasionally visiting the sick. but such ministrations will never maintain spiritual life in a mission, much less cause it to shine conspicuously. At home there is an atmosphere of true religion and innumerable helps to its nourishment independent of the Stated Pastor. In Missions all is against its nourishment, and every thing humanly speaking depends upon the Missionary and upon him alone, and unless he be able, through the sufficiency which is of God, to stir up the grace of God in the heart of his converts, by daily intercourse, by personal addresses, by tending and cherishing them as a Nurse cherisheth children - by "keeping his eye upon them, and providing proper pasture for them, as a shepherd does for his flock - by drawing forth and encouraging their feeble energy - as an eagle (with reverence be the illustration accommodated to our present purpose)" as an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttering over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings." - Unless such be the character of your Missionary pastorial duties, the Mission will soon become a hindrance to the progress of the Gospel by the lamentable example of a mere nominal profession of Christianity. Christians at home will become disheartened and Satan will triumph.

You will perhaps be ready to retort upon the Committee, who is sufficient for these things? they reply, your sufficiency is of Him who hath called you to His work. If they did not believe before God that He has called, and has prepared, and will qualify you for these duties, even at this moment their hearts would fail and they would not dare to send you out on the "hazardous enterprize", to adopt the words of a Native Convert in the field into which one of you are going, the hazardous enterprize of the Missionary.

The Committee will especially entreat you to study the Epistles of St. Paul and to see whether the view which they have now set before you was not constantly present to hi mind, presented to us in his own bold and inimitable language. In the hope of a church shining by its Christian example, he exclaims "ye are our Epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men, forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared _to be_ the Epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the spirit of the living God." (2 Cor III. 2.3).

In the apprehension of the failure of such hopes, he exclaims: "My little children, of whom I travail in birth again, until Christ be formed in you." (Gal IV. 19.)

III A third point which the Committee would specially commend to your attention is the guiding and strengthening and perfecting of the Native Teachers. Towards this end the Committee suggest the importance of associating much with them - of giving them the benefit of frequent contact with European firmness and intelligence, of animating them in the literal sense of the word, quickening their spirit by your spirit, so tenderly correcting their weaknesses, their selfishness, their sufficiency, or whatever other attributes of spiritual childhood may manifest themselves, as to encourage the growth and straighten the pliant shoots of the newly planted tree.

Again the Committee refer you to the example of the Great Missionary St. Paul and to his behaviour, though he were an Apostle who had been commissioned by the Lord Jesus in person for his work, towards his fellow labourers and native helpers in the Lord.

IV. - The Committee will advert to one other subject, which more especially concerns the wives of the Missionary Brethren who are accompanying them to the scene of their labours, namely female Education.

Over burdened as the Society is with pressing demands from every side, which it cannot adequately meet, the Committee have been obliged to decline taking upon itself the general charge of female education in the Missions. They are thankful to believe that this branch of operations will be sustained by local efforts aided by another Society at home - but yet there is one branch of the general system which the Committee feel to be within, and essentially connected with, their own province, namely the maintenance of Normal Christian Schools for training Christian female Teachers, and the education in domestic habits of a few young women of promising Christian character, eventually to become wives of Native Pastors. The success which has hitherto attended such efforts, in the very partial degree to which they have been made is full of encouragement. All that has been already addressed to the Missionary Brethren in the way of directing their attention to matters specially within their province may now, with slight modifications, be addressed to their wives in respect of the great work of raising the tone of Christian character in the native Christian females - and the forming them into able helpmeets for native Pastors. This is a subject on which the Committee would gladly dwell if the time allowed, for they are not less sensible of the inestimable benefits of female ministrations in the rising churches abroad as at home. in stamping the first impressions upon the mind of childhood - in influencing at each subsequent stage the character of the man, and ministering more especially to the sick and afflicted. May the Lord thus make you, dear Sisters, instrumental in the furtherance of his work in establishing and edifying the native churches, in the lands to which you are departing.

You, Brother Bernau, are about to return to your old Station Bartica Grove in the colony of British Guiana: you carry with you in no common degree the interest of Christians at home in your work - an earnest the Committee trust of blessings yet in store upon your future labours.

The objects of your missionary labours are the Indians. While the Committee have not thought it right to interdict your ministration to the penal settlement and to the mixed race in your neighbourhood, you must ever remember that the Indians are your charge - every thing else must give way to their benefit, in the arrangement of your time and Missionary proceedings. – In accordance with the principles already laid down look beyond your station and your present congregation to the wandering tribes in the interior – consider how your Mission may be brought to bear upon the Indian population in the vast regions of central South America: by way of example and encouragement, if not by way of actual contact and influence.

The Committee have lately had under their consideration a scheme urged by a zealous and devoted and disinterested friend of Missions for penetrating into the interior from the West Coast in order to reach the aboriginal natives. They have thought it right to decline the adoption of that proposal. They have also received a pressing invitation from the native government of Mosquitia near Honduras to labour in behalf of kindred tribes in that country – respecting this proposal they are seeking for further information. These remote calls on behalf of a widely scattered aboriginal population said to be identical in habits and in religion (if it can be called by that name) and in origin – are at least sufficient to give a new impulse and an increased importance to the Mission at Bartica Grove – and while the Committee bless God for what he has wrought by you they trust it is but the commencement of a work which you will now be privileged to enlarge and extend.

The Committee wish you after you

have conferred with the Corrd. Comee and inspected the state of the Mission at Bartica Grove, and after having visited or at least obtained sufficient information respecting the out Station of Waraputa to embody your observation on the prospect of the Mission, and any suggestions for the future, in a formal Report to be transmitted through the Corrd. Comee in order that the Parent Committee may determine upon the measures which it may be right to adopt.

The Committee wish you to turn your attention especially to the bearing of the Mission upon the Indian races generally within the interior, and should it fall in your way to furnish them with information respecting the Indians of Mosquitia to consider whether it would be possible to bring native youths or adults from distant parts to Bartica Grove for a christian education. How far there are any similarities of language or customs amongst the different tribes of Indians which may be important in respect of missionary operations for their benefit.

You Mr Sheldon, have been appointed by the Committee to accompany Mr Bernau as schoolmaster, to take the place of a zealous and able labourer, Mr Butler, who has just been removed by death caused by the upsetting of a boat while engaged in his Missionary labours, after 10 months labour. You will be furnished with a copy of the instructions lately delivered to him for your guidance.

You must enter upon your work under the influence of those enlarged views and general principles which have been already enforced. The Committee regard your labours as a most important branch of Missionary proceedings - as essential to the building up of the native Christian church and they trust that you may receive grace so to conduct your Schools that they may prove means of grace and conversion to many souls, and set up a standard of Christian discipline and education, which shall exercise a beneficial influence throughout a wide extent.

By order of the Committee

Henry Venn
Richard Davies.
H. Straith
Secs. C. M. S.

W. B. Pollard Esq

Church Missionary House,
May 31, 1847.

Dear Sir,

1. We have to acknowledge the receipt of your several Letters of July 4, Aug. 18, Nov. 3/46, Jan. 15, March 2 & 19/47 with their enclosures.

2. In the prospect of Mr. Weman's return the Comm. have had full communications with him respecting the state & the prospects of the Dashica Grove Station. They are encouraged to hope that it may become the centre of light & civilization among the Indian tribes to a far greater extent than hitherto,

& they would be prepared under this view to strengthen the Missionary establishment; but in the first place it is requisite that they should be furnished with Mr Bernau's report of the state of things upon his arrival & with such suggestions as you may be able to furnish on the same subject.

3. You will perceive from our Letter to Mr Bernau, of which a copy is enclosed, that the Comee wish to receive from him & from you advice respecting the future employment of Mr Woodman's services; whether at the Grove or at the Warraputa Station, & for what particular department he is best fitted.

4. A proposition has been laid before the Comee for the commencement of a Mission at Mosquitia. Mr Bernau has read all the Papers, & will be able to explain to you the nature of the proposition made to the Society. The Comee have written to Mr Webster, the British Consul, for fuller information. It is possible that you may be able to obtain information & to give us advice. We shall at all events wish to know what are the facilities of intercourse between Demerara & Mosquitia.

5. Mr Bernau having stated to the Comee the desirableness of having a small Schooner, & that it would be very useful in affording employment to the Christian Settlers at Bartica, the Comee have, as you will perceive by the Resolution copied below, authorized the purchase of one for the use of the Bartica Grove Mission.

We remain, Dear Sir
Very truly yours
Henry Venn
Richard Davies.
Secs CMS

Mr. J. Sheldon

Church Missionary House
May 31, 1847.

Dear Sir

1. A copy of the Instructions of the Committee which were delivered to yourself & the Revd. J. H. Bernau is given to Mr. B., which you will have the kindness to copy on your voyage for your future guidance. We enclose a copy of Instructions to yourself respecting the more immediate duties of the sphere of your labours.

2. There are a few matters of detail not mentioned in the Instructions on which it is requisite that you should be informed.

3. The Corresponding Committee in Demerara will fix the amount of your salary, & from them you will receive the money requisite to enable you to proceed to Bartica Grove & for your settlement at that Station.

4. You will have the kindness to address all your official communications to us through the Cor. Comm. This course is necessary to enable the Local Comm. properly to discharge the duties confided to them by the Parent Comm. in

superintending & directing the affairs of the Mission. You will at the same time be at liberty to us direct on any subject on which you may wish to refer to us in a private and confidential manner.

5. The Committee attach much importance to the regular transmission of a quarterly Journal of your proceedings, & to your keeping a full & exact account of all public money expended by you or under your directions. To these points therefore we earnestly beg your particular attention.

6. The Invoice of your Outfit is enclosed.

7 We shall be glad to hear from you by any opportunity during the voyage, and also as soon as possible after your arrival at Demerara.

Assuring you of our sympathy & prayers on your behalf,

We remain, Dear Sir
Very truly Yours
Henry Venn
Richard Davies
H Straith
Secs CMS

Revd J H Bernau

Church Missionary House
May 31, 1847.

Dear Mr Bernau,

1. We enclose a copy of the Instructions of the Committee which were delivered to you on the 24th Inst.

2. In addition to the general principles & directions contained in your Instructions, we have a few

words to add on one or two points of detail.

3. The Committee have authorized the purchase of a small Schooner for the use of the Bartica Station similar to the one which was lost; for they regard it as very important that every encouragement should be given to the profitable employment of the labour of the Native Converts. They rejoice to think that your own attention has much turned to this point. They trust that in connexion with the friends of the Society in the Colony some scheme may be adopted for stimulating & encouraging the industry of the converts. This will form one branch of the Report which the Committee have requested you to furnish to them.

4. The Committee must also request your assistance in a matter of some delicacy, namely, the future employment of the Revd H. Woodman as a Missionary of the Society. The Committee are anxious to have your confidential & unreserved opinion of his Missionary qualifications & of the results of his labours at Bartica Grove during your absence. You will look with a parent's eye & vigilance at the state of the spiritual children whom you left under his charge. Mr. Woodman's services were engaged for the Normal School. We wish you to state how you think that his services may

be best employed either in this or any other department of labour.

5. You have been informed respecting the application which has been made to the Society to undertake a Mission to Mosquitia. It is possible that in the Colony you may be able to obtain ~~f~~ some information respecting the circumstances of that country & the Missionary prospects connected with it. At all events we shall be glad to know what facilities exist for visiting Mosquitia from Demerara, & what time such a visit would occupy, as it is possible that the Comt. may wish you or some other Missionary to visit the country & make personal enquiries respecting its condition on the spot.

6. And now we would affectionately commend you & Mrs Bernau to the guidance & protection & blessing of our Divine Master, into whose service you have enlisted, & who is able to repay a hundred fold all the sacrifices which we can make for His dear Son's namesake.

We are; Dear Mr Bernau

Sincerely & affectly Yours,
Henry Venn
Richard Davies.
H Straith
Secs. CMS.

W. B. Pollard Esq. June 29/47

W. B. Pollard, Esq.

Finance No. 6.

Church Missionary House
June 29 1847.

Dear Sir,

1. The Comee have directed the enclosed Estimate to be forwarded to you – being the Grant for the British Guiana Mission from the 1st of January to the 31st Decr. 1848, amounting to £1914.

2. In consequence of the want of funds the Comee have been obliged to make considerable deductions from the Estimates of several of the Missions; and they feel that they have gone to the utmost limit in granting £1914 for your Mission. And they trust that you will be enabled to economise this Grant in some of the details, especially in Teachers & Schools, so as to come within the fixed amount. We enclose a copy of a Minute on Local Funds, which though not altogether applicable to the British Guiana Mission, recognizes principles which the Home Comee are extremely anxious that your Comee should, when practicable, carry into effect.

3. We beg you will be so good as to mark all your Bills for this Grant with the letter A in the right hand upper corner of each Bill, that we may be enable to keep the Annual Grants distinct. The Grant for next

year will be lettered B.

4. We have to request that all letters on financial subjects may be headed "Finance No —" that they may be of easy reference, & that other matters may be excluded from Finance Letters.

5. We again urge the necessity of advising Bills the moment that they are drawn or when you have decided upon drawing them.

We remain
Dear Sir
Sincerely & affectionately Yours
Henry Venn
H Straith } Secretar

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Rev C. W. Winckler

Church Missy. House
1 July 1847

My dear Brother Winckler

In your letter of Sepr. 19/46 you stated that as soon as you should return home you would write again :- partly from the expectation of this letter, & partly from the confusion & pressure of business consequent upon the deaths & changes in our office :- the time has slipped on & you have received no acknowledgement of your letter, nor any expressions of the sympathy & affection of the Committee, under the heavy trials wherewith the Lord was pleased to afflict you. What should we do without an almighty arm to lean upon! - well is it for us that we are not dependant upon even Christian friends - for through infirmity or inability they too often deceive our hopes. Yet my dear Brother we did feel deeply for your loss of your beloved wife. I can especially sympathise with you for I have tasted of that bitterness: & frequently since your letter has recurred to my thoughts. But I have experienced also the power of the Lord in repressing rebellious thoughts, & the light which He can cause to spring up in darkness, when he is pleased to smile upon his sorrowing children & bid them be of good cheer. I have felt assured that the Lord would not desert you – that he would magnify his power & grace on your behalf: and (Oh marvellous power & loving kindness!) preserve your children from suffering loss by the removal of their mother. He is a *faithful* God: & it is the part of a faithful friend, as you yourself experienced in your affliction, to fly to our relief in our extremity. To Him I earnestly & affectionately commend you.

You will have heard respecting our Society as I understand that the publications are regularly sent to you. It has pleased God to repair the loss of our late Lay Secretary by sending to us a truly Christian man & able man of business in Major Hector Straith – we have also lately had the advantage of the return home of the Revd Jno. Tucker who for 14 years has been the Secretary of our Corresponding Committee in Madras & who will now take part in our Secretaryship at home & give us the benefit of his extensive life experience & Christian spirit. He prospers our Missions greatly – trials indeed we have – but the encouragements far exceed. His work is going forward steadily. The number of his faithful & devoted advocates for the truth as it is in Jesus ~~are~~ is daily increasing at home & abroad. Though error is becoming more flagrant even within our own church, yet this is only the struggle of the great antagonists against advancing truth. No field of labour is more promising than Western Africa. The Native Church is there becoming established, strengthened, settled – a Missionary zeal is kindling amongst the Native Teachers – One of our chief anxieties at present is to keep up the social improvement of Sierra Leone, to the same standard as the spiritual. I send you a Minute which I lately drew up upon this subject. You will perhaps be able to give me some useful hints. Many zealous lay friends of Africa are ready to unite in aiding in such ways as the Minute indicates but they wish first to ascertain that the natives are exerting themselves - & to have practical measures put before them. Do you know of any Sierra Leone people, or West Indians, of Christian character now in Jamaica who are sufficiently trained in the West Indian agriculture - or are capable of being so trained - & who might be induced to go to Sierra Leone to superintend a model farm there - Mr. Graf & Schön were talking with me on this subject & mentioned a man of the name of Thompson: the superintendent of a coffee plantation in your neighbourhood.

We have heard from the Bishop since his return that he has placed you on the Island Establishment But though you cease to be directly connected with the Society I trust we shall never cease to regard each other, & the work in which we are engaged with, with mutual sympathy: & to help each other with our prayers. Our connexion with Jamaica is now reduced to the salary of Mr. Cooper & Mr. Byrne. The close & withdrawal of our operations have occasioned us much pain in many ways. Our consolation is that the Socy. was instrumental in sending many to Jamaica whose work will abide. Mr. Graf & Mr. Schön are both in weak health & will probably remain another year in England. Several others of our Sierra Leone Missys. are also in England at this time.

Believe me
my dear Brother Winkler
yours in the best bonds
Henry Venn
Secy. Ch. Miss. Socy.

W. B. Pollard, Esq

Church Missionary House,
Oct. 12, 1847.

Dear Mr Pollard,

We forward by this Ship the "William & Alfred" a Case containing Books & articles of clothing for the Revd J. H. Bernau & our usual publications to the present date, including copies of the 47th Report. The Invoice & Bill of Lading are enclosed.

I remain, Dear Mr Pollard,
Very truly Yours
H. Straith
Secy CMS

W. B. Pollard, Esq

Church Missionary House,
March 21, 1848.

Dear Sir,

1. Since we wrote to you on the 29th June last we have received the following communications from Demerara:—

Your Letter of Jan. 18/48
Revd J. H. Bernau's Letters, Aug. 26, Dec 12/47, & Jan 31/48

2. We are thankful to inform you that Mr J. Sheldon reached us in safety on the 22nd ulto, & that his health

had somewhat improved on the voyage.

3. We forward by this Ship the "Claudia," Capt Peele, a Case of Books for the Rev. J H Bernau, which you will have the goodness to forward to him by the earliest opportunity. The Invoice & Bill of Lading are enclosed.

4. We also enclose Mr. Bernau's Account with the Society, which you will please forward to him.

We remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours
Richard Davies
H Straith
Secs CMS

W. B. Pollard, Esq

Church Missionary House,
May 27, 1848.

Dear Sir

By this Ship, the "Falcon", we forward 2 Cases of Wearing apparel, Books &c for the Rev. J. H. Bernau, which you will have the goodness to forward to him by the first opportunity. The Invoice & Bill of Lading are enclosed.

We enclose a few copies of the Abstract of the Report presented at the late anniversary Meeting of the Society.

I remain, Dear Sir,

Very truly Yours

H Venn

Sec CMS

Rev. C. A. Cooper

Church Missionary House,
June 17, 1848.

My dear Sir

The Committee of the Church Missionary Society have had under their consideration your Letter of the 4th April, in which you intimate that you cannot continue at Rural Hill without an increase of salary or the usual provision for your family in case of your decease. You state also that the Parish have now a half Curacy vacant, which you have little doubt they would grant to Rural Hill if a proper application were made for the same.

The Committee have also reviewed the various communications which have passed between ~~H~~ you & themselves since 1843. From these you will perceive that the Grants made to you from time to time were never regarded as a regular or permanent charge upon the Society, but they were made in the first instance in the hope that Rural Hill would be speedily made an Island Curacy according to the intention of the late Bishop of Jamaica expressed to the Comt. in an interview with them. Since that hope failed us we have continued the Grant in order to allow time for some other arrangement being completed by which the Society might be relieved of all charge, & they have felt much disappointed that no such arrangement has been accomplished.

It is contrary to all the principles of the Society to continue a Grant to any Clergyman who is not regularly recognized as a Missionary of the Society, & in the case of the West Indies the Comtee had long since determined to withdraw their operations at the earliest period possible.

Under these circumstances you cannot upon reflection be surprised that the Comtee should decline to increase your Grant, or to enter into such an arrangement with the Vestry as you propose, which would be in fact pledging the Comtee to continue the Grant to Mural Hill.

The Comtee deem it however now necessary to fix a definite limit to the continuance of your Stipend. They are willing to continue it for one year from this time, in case you remain so long in charge of the pastoral duties of the Mural Hill Station; & they have given direction to our Accountant that no Bills drawn for your salary beyond the 29th June 1849 should be accepted.

This decision will be communicated to the Lord Bishop of Jamaica, in order that he may have the opportunity of making arrangements for placing Mural Hill upon the Island Establishment if he shall see fit to do so. Should his Lordship decline to take the Station, the Comtee must use every endeavour to have the Station, or at any rate the School, provided for independently of the funds of the Society.

The Comtee thank you for the Reports of your labours which you have furnished to them, & they pray that the Divine blessing may rest upon the Congregation at Mural Hill, & may follow you to any other post to which in the Providence of God you may be called.

I remain, My dear Sir,

Very sincerely Yours
Henry Venn
Sec CMS

The Lord Bishop of Jamaica

Church Miss.y House
London June 27

My Lord Bishop

The Committee have just received a letter from the Revd. C. H. Cooper of Rural Hill intimating to us that he cannot continue at his station without an increase of Salary, & that he has already stated this to your Lordship. He informs us also that a half Curacy of the parish of Manchioneal is now vacant & that the Vestry might be prevailed upon to attach it to Rural Hill.

The Committee have never recognized Mr. Cooper as a Missionary of the Society, they have continued to pay him 300£ a year only in the hope that the Station might become an Island Curacy or that some other arrangement might be made to relieve the Society from all charge on account of it.

A very serious decrease in the income of the Society this year has made it necessary to review every item of expenditure & the attention of the Committee has been called to the fact that nearly five years ago it was determined to withdraw the operations of the Society from Jamaica.

Under all these circumstances the Comm^ee have felt it necessary to fix a limit to their grants to Mr Cooper - & to determine that they shall only be continued for one year longer - after which period they cannot accept any bills drawn by him for salary.

We shall be anxious to know whether your Lordship will be able through the Vestry of the parish or in any other way to take up the Station at or before the time thus fixed for terminating the responsibility of the Society. Otherwise the Comm^ee must make every effort to preserve the property & the Schools from dilapidation & if possible to keep the school open independently of the funds of the Society, until a more favorable opportunity shall arrive for the transfer of the Station to the Ecclesiastical authorities.

It is not without much reluctance that the Committee have felt themselves compelled to withdraw from a field of labour, in which, on many accounts, they have a deep interest: & they earnestly trust & pray that some opening may yet be found for continuing to that flock the pastoral ministrations they have so long enjoyed & so fully appreciated.

Commending the labours of the Soc^y to your Lordship's christian regards

I am

My Lord Bishop

Your very faithful Servant

Henry Venn

Sec^y Ch. Miss^y Soc^y

Finance No. 2

W. B. Pollard, Esq.

Church Missionary House,
June 28, 1848.

Dear Sir,

1. Since we wrote to you on the 21st March we have received your Letter of March 11/48 & the Account Current of the Mission for 1847.

2. We now enclose the Estimate of the British Guiana Mission for the year 1849. It amounts to £1456 & the Bills drawn on it will be lettered B.

3. We enclose herewith a few financial forms which the Comee request you will use in future in drawing Bills & writing on financial matters. The pattern form enclosed & filled up will shew you the object the Comee have in view in adopting this form, which will keep you & us also in constant remembrance of our financial position.

4. In the Grant B the Comee have gone as far as they can for the Mission at Bartica Grove, & they request that you will confer with the Rev. J. H. Bernau as to the possibility of reducing some of the heads of expenditure, especially Repairs & Sundries, which the Comee think should be estimated at a lower rate. The Income of the Society at home is much affected by the commercial & monied depressions that have arisen, & that are likely to be con-

tinued from the uncertainty of political & public events in Europe, & hence economy of every kind must be most rigidly followed out.

5. We hope that you will be able to effect some saving in the Estimate for 1848, as this is our period of depression, & we fear that we shall have much difficulty in meeting the demands from the various Missions for the rest of the year. We remain, Dear Sir,

Very truly Yours

H Venn

H. Straith

Sec^y. C.M.S.

W. B. Pollard, Esq

Church Missionary House,

July 29, 1848.

Dear Sir,

1. Since we wrote to you on the 28th. ult. no communication from you has reached us.

2. We only write now to advise you that by the Ship "Catharine Elizabeth", Captn. Merritt, we have forwarded consigned to your care a Case & Package for the Rev. J. H. Bernau, which we will thank you to forward to him by the earliest opportunity. The Invoice & Bill of Lading are enclosed.

3. We also enclose a copy of Mr Bernau's Private Account with the Society, which you will please forward to him.

I remain, Dear Sir

Very truly Yours

Sec. C.M.S.

London
Church Miss^y. House
Aug: 8th, 1848

To
The Rev^d. A. C. Eckel
Trinidad

Dear Sir

Your bill drawn on the Rev^d. H. Venn for £50 dated Trinidad 8th July 1848, has been duly received and accepted.

2. On referring to the books of this Society the Secretaries observe that you have drawn the following bills during the last year.

£100	dated	Jan. 20, 1847
25	..	Feb. 20 ..
100	..	April 28, ..
150	..	July 9 ..
£375		

3. In your letter of the 18th Feb. last you stated that there is a balance of £262. 13. 8 due to the School Fund against which you owe for advances £239. 8. 8, leaving a balance of £23. 5 which added to the Society's grant of £100 for the present year gives a total of £123. 5 But we find that you have already drawn the following Bills for the current year

£20	dated	1st Feb. 1848
50	..	16 .. ..
20	..	23 May ..
50	..	8 July ..
£140		

Thus you have exceeded the sum allowed by the Committee by £16. 15 altho' the half the year is only expired

4. We beg to call your attention to Paragraph 4 of our letter of the 1st Aug. 1844, and we request specific information as to when the Committee may cease to contribute £100 per Annum to expences that belong exclusively to the Colony of Trinidad: the more so as the funds of the Society are in a depressed state and there is great difficulty in maintaining our Missions amongst the Heathen

4 Whatever bills you may draw for the future, be ind enough to take care that they are always advised, s we do not feel confident in accepting Bills unless e have previous notice of them

I am
Dear Sir
Yours faithfully
H. Straith
Secretary
CMS

Rev. A L. Eckel

Church Missionary House,
February 1, 1849.

Dear Sir,

1. Your Letters of the 26th Sept. & Oct 2/48 were placed before the Comtee on the 2nd ult, when the Resolutions, a copy of which is annexed, were passed, & which will shew you that until the Comtee know what may be the state of their finances on the making up of the annual accounts, they cannot decide as to renewing the Grant of £100 for the Schools at Trinidad. They would be glad to hear that the Colonial funds had taken up your Schools; & they hope that you

will use measures for bringing the subject before the Government.

2. With respect to par. 16 of your Letter of the 26th of Septr, the Comm.ee conceive that the Letter of the Secretaries to you dated Aug 1844, par. 7, had long since decided that you have no claim on the Society for yourself or family, since your connexion with the Society was formerly dissolved on your becoming a Colonial Clergyman in Jan 1844. We now beg to annex a copy of par. 7 of the above mentioned Letter in case you should not have it at hand.

I remain, Dear Sir
Very truly Yours
H Straith
Sec Cmt

The Lord Bishop of Guiana

Ch. Missy. House
16 Feby. 1849

My Lord Bishop

I much regret to hear from the Revd. J.H. Lohrer that he did not take with him a letter of introduction to your Lordship.

I can only explain & apologize for the omission on the ground that the death of one of our Secretaries, which occurred a month before Mr. Lohrer's departure, & which has only just been supplied by the appointment of a successor had thrown the arrangements of the office into some confusion, in connexion with the unusual ~~[illegible]~~ pressure of the Jubilee commemoration.

Mr. Loherer received his education in the Seminary of Basle in Switzerland & was transferred to the Ch. Missy. Socy. Seminary at Islington in Oct. 1846 so that he has been for 2 years under our instruction & observation & we regard him as a person well qualified in every respect for the important office to which he has been appointed.

The Committee request your Lordship to give him the usual licence to act as a Missionary in your Diocese amongst the Native Indians at Bartica Grove & in that district.

Mr Lohrer has informed us that your Lordship's Registrar asked him for formal Testimonials countersigned by the Bishop of London. These have never yet been required from any Missionary appointed by the Society in any Colonial Diocese. The letter of the Secretary has always been received as a sufficient nomination; which I trust the present will prove.

If your Lordship however should require any further documents they shall be procured & forwarded without delay.

We are thankful to be able to send so valuable a man as Mr Lohrer to the interesting Mission to which he is attached – The state of the Indian aborigines has a strong claim upon the benevolent sympathy of the Christian Church at home, which the Society fully recognizes – We regret that the limited nature of our means, both men & money, prevents us from extending the Mission as we should rejoice to do.

I have the honor to remain
My Lord
Your very faithful & obedt. Servant
Henry Venn

Rev. Jno. James Lohrer

Church Miss^y. House
16 Feby. 1849

My dear Brother Lohrer

I was greatly grieved to find that you had not carried with you the usual letters of introduction to our Corresponding Committee & to the Bishop of Guiana. I took it for granted that these had been furnished to you. The confusion of the office from the death of Mr. Ron & the Jubilee arrangements is the only apology which we can offer for the omission.

I have written by this mail to the Bishop to explain the circumstance & to give the usual nomination - the Registrar seems to have required a kind of certificate such as we never send - But this is a matter with which you will not be any way involved I will transact it with the Bishop.

I have read your two letters with deep interest, & thanksgiving to our Gracious God, that he has enabled you to enter upon your work in such a devoted spirit & with the blessed assurance that he has called you to the very post you now occupy: - that he has also given you special tokens of his favour in the employment of your instrumentality on board the first packet both in the case of the invalid passenger & the officers of the ship.

May the same good providence bring before you many perishing & timid enquirers & enable you faithfully, humbly, & affectionately to teach them the way of the Lord & build them up in the faith. And as you acquire the native language & become accustomed to the climate may you have strength to go forth & gather the Indian Wanderers into the fold of the Church of Christ.

Mr Hiddener has at length sailed for Africa - he was long delayed by the want of a ship to Badagry & even after he had embarked was tried by some special grievances in connexion with the Captain & his very limited accomodation - but he went forth in a spirit so beautified with meekness, that I am persuaded all will turn to his good & the Lord will be with him.

Your other associate Mr Erhardt will we hope meet Dr Krapft at Aden, as we have since he sailed heard from Dr K. of his intention to visit England & that he shd wait at Aden for our instructions. We shall regard it as a special providence if the two Brethren are able to have personal conference on the affairs of the mission.

Believe me

Dear Brother Lohrer

Yours very sincerely

Henry Venn

Rev J. H. Bernau

Church Missy House
16 Feby 1849

My dear Brother Bernau

At length I commence my correspondence with a letter, which ought to have been done 12 months ago - but the events of this last year have been such as to throw all our arrangements into confusion.

yet I have felt a deep sympathy in your trials & disappointments. I can conceive no circumstances more depressing than to find upon your arrival that things had gone back to the degree your journals represent. I rejoice in the encouragement which your last letters describe — & I still more rejoice in the hope that you are now enjoying the comfort & spiritual advantage of a Brother — who will help forward your work & cheer your heart in the Lord.

May the Lord cement your union more & more, may your united prayers — as two or three — bring you into his presence & procure the things you need.

We have just received from Mr. Lohrer the account of his arrival & the welcome you gave him, & we shall now look forward to the next accounts with double interest.

I thank God that you have found so eligible a Mistress for your girls school as Miss Dawson, & shall rejoice to hear that you have also been able to procure a schoolmaster for the boys from the Colony. I fear that we shall not be able to supply one from home. Your past experience will shew you the difficulty we have in procuring schoolmasters who will be content with that position.

I am sure that you & Br. Lohrer must not expend your strength in the schools — Superintendence is most necessary — But the adults are your proper sphere to acquire their language, to cultivate their minds upon the foundation of their native ideas, to teach them the duties of Christian Parents & Christian workmen, as well as the doctrines of the Catechism. I long also to hear of Missionary tours such as you report to the Carakeese settlement — extended into the interior — so as to gain an influence over the whole extent which may be regarded as your district.

I read with lively interest your account of the difficulties you find in providing means of subsistence & procuring employment. This is a [illegible] important subject. – If it were proved that it is impossible to provide employment for the natives who form the settlement – I shd even regard it as a providential negative put upon the settlement. But I cannot believe this. I hope that in resolving these difficulties you make full use of your lay friends at George Town – It is not one of those secular relations in connexion with Missionary work which shd be regarded as the department of our Christian laymen – Have you drawn out your difficulties in a formal statement to circulate among such persons? – I should fear that nothing effectual could be done by the sale of curiosities to which you allude – very few persons comparatively will purchase they are usually gifts to Missy collections – others wd not be much interested – I shall be glad to hear what can be done with the oil.

This is a subject of great interest in all our advanced Missions & we shd make it a matter of consultation & prayer – Satan watches round our sacred enclosures & lays his snares & erects his banks so as to prevent our *extension* if he cannot quench our *light*. Let us not be ignorant of his devices.

I have to thank Mrs Beoman for her most acceptable letter – I shall hope to send her a letter in reply – You will not blame me for saying that yours & hers *together* give me far more insight than 2 or 3 of yours alone would do.

I was much pleased also at receiving Miss Dawsons letter

You will have recd full accounts of our Jubilee. I trust indeed that the Lord is doing great things for us – Amidst all the threatening dangers from without & within he is I believe carrying forward his work, & calling fresh soldiers into the ranks & preparing us for service. You will rejoice to hear that one of our Missionaries Rev Geo. Smith has just been appointed Bishop for China – his see will be Victoria – This of course is due to the influence of our excellent Archbishop. What a blessing his elevation will be ~~to~~ to the whole Church of Christ can not be yet predicted –

It will cheer you to hear encouragements from home. We owe you dear Brother a great debt for all the encouragement you gave to us in your visit by the reports of the Lord's work which you brought us. You have many Remembrancers before the throne of Grace. May the Lord abundantly answer their prayers. May he put his spirit into your heart & lips, may he fix upon you the smile of his countenance, may he make bare his arm in the furtherance of his work. These are great requests, but after all infinitely short of what our faithful Covenant God is willing & able to do for you & for us.

Believe me Dear Brother
Very sincy yours
Henry Venn
Sec. C.M.S.

Finance No 1/49

London
Church Missionary House
July 16th 1849

To W B Pollard Esqe
Secretary Cttee British Guiana

Dear Mr Pollard

We forward you a copy of the Grant (C) for the Mission in British Guiana for the year ending 30 September 1850. As it agrees with the Estimate furnished by you, we have no remarks to make: except that in the expenditure, we pray that a blessing from our Gracious Lord and Master, may attend every detail - We are thankful that Mr Bernau is again in better health - and we unite in kindest Christian regards to him and Mrs Bernau; as also to Mr Lohrer -

We are
dear Mr Pollard
Yours sincerely

H Straith } Secretaries -

Church Missionary House
Salisbury Square London
1st Novr 1849

My dear Mr Byrne

The Society has long & anxiously expected that some arrangement might be made by the Ecclesiastical authorities of your Island for your employment in the cause of Missions independently of the Society. As all hope is now at an end, the Committee are compelled to bring their connexion with you to a close.

You will remember that after you had been for some time disconnected with the Society the Bishop placed you at Prattville in the early part of 1844, as was explained to you in the

Letter sent to you March 6, 1845.

The Society agreed to continue your salary in the hope that they might thus facilitate some permanent arrangement for Prattville, though they distinctly explained to you that they could not promise to do so farther than the close of 1846. Since that time they have hesitated to stop your allowance partly out of regard to yourself & partly out of a regard to the interests of the people.

But since the Bishop has now declined to continue his portion of the salary you have hitherto received our last hope is gone, of any such arrangement as we have been waiting for.

Under these circumstances the Committee have felt compelled to bring your allowances to a close by the resolution of which I enclose a copy.

The withdrawal of the Society's operations from Jamaica has been attended with much pain & regret from the first step to the present final one. our expectations of seeing the work which our Missionaries had commenced taken up by other parties & carried on with success have been in too many instances disappointed. But the duty of transferring our means to other fields of labour, in the heathen world, is clear: & leaves us no alternative.

We trust that you may be able to find other employment in such work as you have hitherto engaged in: and that the divine blessing may rest upon you.

The domestic trials which you have undergone have been heavy; but you know whose suffer may be found, & I trust that you have not sought in vain. I am

Dear Mr Byrne,
very faithfully yours
Henry Venn Sec. Ch. Miss. Socy

Committee of Correspondence
Sept 25/49.

Resolved, That Mr Byrne's salary of £[illegible] per ann. be continued until Lady day 1850, after which time no further allowance can be made by the Society or Bills accepted. Extracted from the Minutes

Sec CMS

Church Missy House, London
16 Octr 1849

My dear Mr Ashley

When we parted with you after your interview with the Committee 2 years ago it was with the impression that we should hear from you after your arrival in Jamaica upon the subject on which we had conversed: but it is possible that you have been waiting in expectation of hearing first from us.

I greatly regret that we have not sooner written to you to prevent any mistake. But our withdrawal from Jamaica has been so painful a subject to us, & we have been waiting so anxiously for some arrangement by which the stations given up by us might be still provided for, that the time has passed away almost imperceptibly.

The announcement however that the Bishop is unable to pay the half of Mr Byrne's salary as hitherto, has cut off our last faint hope of such an arrangement, & as Mr. Cooper is no longer paid by us, we have at last determined to sever our only remaining link by fixing upon Lady Day 1850 for the closing of our connexion with Mr. Byrne.

And now the question arises respecting the property which the Society once possessed in Jamaica. We made repeated appeals to Mr. Panton for particulars but in vain. We hear nothing of the proceeds of the press or of any other property which we may still possess the title deeds of.

Under these circumstances we naturally turn to those who were once in connexion with us as Missionaries and we ask your help to assist us in ascertaining what may remain of the wreck of our property & what can be made available, in any way, for missionary purposes, or be turned into money.

After the Committees interview with you in 1847 a resolution was passed which was to be communicated to you after your arrival in Jamaica, if we should hear that the different parties named in the resolution would be willing to act. As the purport of the Resolution may have escaped your recollection I send you an official copy. We shall be greatly obliged to you if you will at once communicate with our other friends — either to gain information, or, if you are willing, to form, & act in, the proposed Committee

We much regret being compelled to stop the allowance of Mr Byrne but trust that he may obtain other employment. I have written to him by this mail.

Trusting that you may still be receiving the divine blessing upon your work of which you gave me a cheering account when I had the pleasure of seeing you - & that the Lord's work may prosper with you & at home.

I am
very sincerely yours
Henry Venn
Sec. Ch. Miss Socy

W. B. Pollard, Esq

Church Missionary House,
December 24, 1849.

Dear Sir,

1. By this Ship the "Claudia", Captn Peale we forward consigned to you a Case of wearing apparel & Books for the Rev J. H. Lohrer, which you will have the goodness to send to him by the first opportunity. The Invoice & Bill of Lading are enclosed.

2. Be so good as to inform the Rev J. H. Bernau that we have received from Miss Barber of Brighton the sum of £ 2. 6. 11 toward purchasing his Organ.

I remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours
H Straith
Sec CMS

W. B. Pollard, Esq

Church Missionary House,
January 19, 1850.

My dear Sir

1. I enclose the Private Accounts of the Rev. Messrs Bernau & Lohrer, which I will thank you to forward to them by the earliest opportunity

2. I also enclose a few copies of a Circular respecting the formation of the Missionaries' Children's Home, & will thank you to forward a copy to the Rev. Messrs Bernau & Lohrer. The Rev. S. H. Unwin & Mrs Unwin have been selected to superintend the Home, after a careful consideration of about 45 Candidates. The Establishment is about being opened at a temporary House in Milner Square, Islington. & we have every reason to hope that it will prove a blessing to the Children & a real comfort & satisfaction to their parents & guardians.

I remain, My dear Sir
Very truly Yours
H Straith
Sec CMS

London
Church Missionary House
January 23rd 1850

Dear Mr Byrne.

By a recent letter received from the Revd Josiah Cork it appears that there is some probability of the property belonging to the Society in Jamaica, being accounted for in whole or in part: Under-this hope, the Committee anticipate that some means may arise to enable them to aid you in remaining in your present sphere of labour at Prattville - Mr Cork has also placed your circumstances before the Committee in a very forcible and affectionate way and the Committee have therefore resolved to continue your salary for the present at the rate of One Hundred Pounds per annum - You are therefore at liberty to draw for this amount by Quarterly bills of £25 each -

If you should have an opportunity of communi=cating with Mr Cork, will you be so good as to let him know that his letter of the 7th of Decr last, was very acceptable to the Committee, and that it will be duly answered by the Secretaries -

Mr Cork wishes for a supply of the CM periodicals - and for a Record Newspaper - second hand: we will endea-vour to obtain the latter, altho' we should prefer his doing so through some private medium - Our periodicals are now issued on new regulations - a copy of which I enclose - We strongly recommend some friends to unite and obtain the "CM Intelligencer" through a bookseller at Kingston or your nearest Town -

If a Report and the CM Records be required, we must be furnished with the name of some house of business or Agent in London, who will be responsible for forwarding them regularly to Jamaica, in which case we must also have the name of the Jamaica Agent – without this arrangement, the parcels become very expensive as well as irregular in their transit

I am
dear Mr Byrne
Yours sincerely
H. Straith
Secretary
CMS

Rev J H Bernau

Church Missy. House London
16 Febr. 1850

My dear Mr Bernau

Abridged as we are, by the pressure of business from writing so often as we could desire for your encouragement & direction in your work, it is painful to occupy the time with [illegible] & incidental matters: but we have received a note from the Bishop of Guiana of which I enclose you a copy.

We wrote to him for further information but he only states that the Moravian Chapel was in Bridge Town Barbadoes much to the annoyance of the Bp. of Barbadoes.

As therefore the act against which two Bishops complain was not any part of your Missionary work & as, in England, we should not consider ourselves at liberty to officiate in a Moravian chapel & service it will be right for the future to abstain.

When the matter was mentioned to the Committee Mr Rede was present & he at once said that he remembered the late Bishop giving you leave to officiate in German to a Lutheran congregation according to their form of worship. This I stated to the Bishop of Guiana. He however denies altogether that such permission was given. The point is quite immaterial but I sh^d like to know for my own satisfaction the truth of the case.

And now having dismissed this matter I must say how much we have rejoiced in the improved accounts of your health & in the increasing prosperity of your Mission notwithstanding all its trials & disappointments we have been greatly pleased also with Mr. Lohrer's account of his Missionary tours & trust that he may have health & grace to extend them greatly.

We are pressed with some anxiety just at present on account of our income not rising as we had hoped after the Jubilee but actually falling below last year. At the same time the great openings before us in India & China would absorb ten times our present amount of income & of men. The work is however the Lord's & he will undertake for us.

To him we commend you & Mrs B. & your work continually.

Ever believe me my dear friend
very affly yours
Henry Venn
Sec C. M. Soc.

W. B. Pollard, Esq

Church Missionary House,
June 4, 1850.

Dear Sir,

By this Ship, the "Camillus," Captn Spragg, we have forwarded 2 Cases consigned to you for the Revd J. H. Bernau containing Fancy Articles & our usual publications to the present date. The Invoice & Bill of Lading are enclosed.

I remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours
H. Straith
Sec CMS

Finance. No. 1.

London – Church Missionary House
June 18th 1850

Dear Mr Pollard –

1. We herewith subjoin the Estimate and Grant (D) made by the Committee for the Mission of the Society in British Guiana for the year ending 30th of September 1851 – The Committee trust that it will be amply sufficient for all the purposes required –

2. We were thankful to hear good accounts of our dear Brethren by your last letter – we trust that are cheered in their labours by the grace of God shed abroad upon their own souls – and the souls of their people – We are dear Mr Pollard

Yours very sincerely

Pollard Esqr
or the Secretary C.M.S.
Demerara

A Straith } Secre- -tary

Estimate – and Grant D – for the British Guiana Mission from the 1st of October 1850 to 30th of September 1851.

Revd. Bernau –	£400	
– Lohrer	300	
2 Children	20	
Teachers	150	
Schools	300	
Travelling –	50	
Repairs & Sundries	250	= £1470 –

Rev J. Cork

Church Missionary House,
July 30, 1850.

My dear Sir,

The Letters & Reports of yourself & Mr Ashby dated Dec. 1849 & Jan & May 1850, respecting the various Missionary Stations formerly occupied by the C.M. Society in Jamaica, have been placed before the Committee; & I am directed to convey to you their thanks for your valuable assistance in visiting, inspecting, & reporting upon the condition of these Stations, & for the information you have gathered of the impracticability of any pecuniary return being made from them for the great outlay which the Society incurred in former years on this account.

When the Bishop of Jamaica reaches England the Committee will endeavour to come to a final arrangement with him as to the disposal of the property at the 13 Stations mentioned in your Report.

The Committee have also desired me to request that you will inform us of any outlay or expenses to which you may have been put in visiting the Stations or in collecting the information contained in your Report.

I remain, My dear Sir
Very truly Yours
H Straith
Sec CMS

W. B. Pollard, Esq.

Church Missionary House,
October 14, 1830.

Dear Sir,

By this Ship the "Cleopatra," Captn Lachem, we consign to you two Cases of Books &c for the Revd Messrs Bernau & Lohrer at Bartica Grove, which you will have the kindness to forward to them by the first opportunity. The Invoice & Bill of Lading are enclosed.

I remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours
H Straith
Sec CMS.

London.
Church Missionary House
January 11th 1851.

To
W. B. Pollard Esqr.
George Town. Demerara.

Dear Mr. Pollard.

The Secretaries beg to thank you for all your kind services on behalf of our great Missionary Cause; It is our blessed Master's work, and in it, you have doubtless, much pleasure.

The Bishop of British Guiana has lately had an interview with the Committee, but it is feared that we have neither Men nor Means for extending our Operations in his Diocese as he wishes us to do.

We hope that Mr Lohrer may prove to be an able and efficient help to dear Mr Bernau, and that the Lord may give him grace and power to set before the poor wandering Indians the unsearchable riches of Christ.

I have received your letter - or rather Mr Knowles letter and your postscript - of the 4th of Decr - about the paucity of our publications, and the desirableness of an increased supply in order to revive a Missionary spirit in the Colony. Will you kindly thank Mr Knowles, in the name of the Secretaries, for his Communication and say that we will be most happy to do all we can in order to meet his wishes - accordingly by this Mail we send you a supply of

2 Reports Cont. stock having exhausted we can send no more,

2 Records
150 Quarterly Papers
6 Brief Views
20 Abstracts of the Report
50 Summaries of do
Also some Minor Publications, with collecting Cards.

1 Ch. Missionary Intelligencer
1 Gleaner
1 Juvenile Instructor
} as samples of the Publications which are sold.

And Six Copies of our rules for the issue and sale of our periodicals.

The Intelligencer is a most interesting and ably conducted periodical - and presuming that you have some bookseller in George Town connected with London, the Intelligencer Gleaner & Juvenile Instructor could be obtained through this channel.

Will you be so good as to ascertain exactly what periodicals Mr Bernau & Mr Lohrer require, and we can send the whole through you, if you will be so good as to allow us to do so

After you and Mr Knowles have considered our rules for the issue and sale of the Periodicals, we hope to hear from you as to your final arrangement; and we beg that you will make such alterations from time to time as the rules indicate

I am
My dear Mr Pollett
Yours faithfully
D. Coates

Pray offer our very kind regards to your worthy pastor Mr Fox, and to Mr Wells.

W. B. Pollard, Esq.

Church Missionary House,
April 16, 1851.

My dear Sir,

1. Since I wrote to you on the 11th of Jany. last we have received the Account Current of the British Guiana Mission for the year ending Dec. 31/50.

2. We find that we have omitted to inform you that the Comee. have authorized us to pay the Rev. J.H. Lohrer £25 for the passage & £27 for the Outfit of Mrs Lohrer to Demerara. The subject was brought under the notice of the Comee. by a friend of Mrs Lohrer (a Mr Clarke) & the Comee. granted the above sums being the usual amount paid for the passage & outfit of a Missionary's Wife to Demerara. We were not aware at the time of Mrs Lohrer's leaving England, nor had received any application from her on the subject. You will have the goodness therefore to pay the above sums to Mrs Lohrer, & include them in your next Bill upon us.

3. We enclose a copy of the Private Account of the Rev. J.H. Bernau, which we will thank you to forward to him by the first opportunity, together with the enclosed Letters.

I remain, My dear Sir,
Very truly Yours
H. Straith
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Revd J. H. Bernau
Bartica Grove British Guiana
London - Ch. Miss.y House
April 16th 1851

My dear Mr Bernau:—

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th of September 1850, addressed to Mr Venn; respecting the education of your son after he leaves King William's College; and expressive of your hopes that he may be fitted, in due time, for Missionary employment.

It is impossible for the Committee to undertake any charge or responsibility after a youth reaches 15 years of age; nor would they enter into any arrangement respecting a lad at this age for future employment - When he reaches the age of 20- and then offers himself to the Society, his case will be duly considered, as that of any other Candidate; but in the mean time, it will be necessary for his relatives to provide for his instruction and disposal on his attaining his 15th year.

You are probably aware of the heavy responsibility of the Society in the matter of the Children of our Missionaries. We have 332 on our list; and the Committee therefore feel the necessity of abstaining from all further responsibility when the period for leaving us arrives- viz at 15 yrs of age.

You will be thankful to hear that our Income is better than it was last year by upwards of 5000£ although our expenses have so increased as to be equal to the augmented income.

With most kind and cordial Christian regards to Mrs Bernan - and to Mr & Mrs Lohrer

I am My dear Mr Bernan
Yours very sincerely
H Straith

W. B. Pollard, Esq.

Church Missionary House,
April 26, 1831.

My dear Sir,

By this Ship, the "Barrick", we forward to your care a Case containing Clothing, Books &c, for the Mr J. J. Bernan, which you will have the goodness to send to him by the first opportunity. The Invoice & Bill of Lading are enclosed.

I remain, My dear Sir,
Very truly Yours,
H Straith
Sec CMS.

W. B. Pollard, Esq.

Church Missionary House,
May 22, 1831.

My dear Sir

By this Ship the "Camillus", Captn. Spragge, we consign to you a Case containing Articles of

Clothing for the Rev. J. H. Bernau, which we will thank you to forward to him by the first opportunity. The Invoice & Bill of Lading are enclosed.

We enclose a few copies of the Abstract of the Report read at our late Anniversary Meeting.

I remain, My dear Sir
Very truly Yours
H Straith
Sec CMS.

Finance

London - Church Missionary House
July 17th 1851

To H. B. Pollard Esq
Secretary CM Asn - Demerara -

Dear Mr Pollard

In reply to your letter of the 31st of December last, I now beg to forward you the estimate for the Expenses of the British Guiana Mission for the year ending 30th Sept 1852. It amounts, as you will perceive to £ 1460: but I regret to state that after the estimates had been duly prepared for all the Missions, it was found that the expanded requisitions from our local Committees exceeded the anticipated ~~exp~~ income of the Society for the year 1851-52: hence reductions had to be made and £100 has been subtracted from the Estimate of the Bartica Grove Mission, which makes the grant ~~Ex~~ 1360 £.

At present therefore there is no prospect of extending our operations in British Guiana.

Estimate for 1851-52.

	£		
Revd. J. H Bernau —	400	Maintenance of Orphan Children	240
~ Lohrer —	300	Repair of buildings	120
European School Mistress —	180	Miscellaneous —	100
Travelling —	80		1460
		Deduct by order of the Comm.ee	100
		Amount of Grant —	£1360

With our affectionate Christian regards to yourself to Mr Fox - to Mr Wells - and to all the members of the Mission

I am

dear Mr Pollard

Yours Sincerely

H Straith

Secretary

Church Missionary House C.M.S.

March 1st 1862

To

W Pollard Esqr

Demerara

My dear Sir

The enclosed letter to Mr Bernau ought to have gone by the last mail:- but after preparing it, and fancying that it had been despatched, we searched in vain for the copy: we have therefore concluded that through some mistake, it had been put aside and lost.

After perusing it, and communicating its contents to the Correspg Committee, will you be so good as to forward it to Mr Bernau

I hope that you receive our periodicals regularly. they have put you in possession of what God is graciously pleased to do by the instrumentality of the Society in various regions; and of how many interesting promising openings are prepared in Africa & Asia, ready for us to enter in and take possession in the name of the Lord; But we have not the Men - nor the Means - more Especially the Men: for we are persuaded that if God sends right men to preach His glorious Gospel, He will not fail to send us the means.

The enclosed letter will require much prayerful Consideration - May you all have wisdom and grace to reply to it, from Him in whose name it is sent.

I am
My dear Sir
Yours faithfully
H Straith

Rev J. H. Bernau

Church Missionary House,
March 1, 1832

Dear Mr Bernau,

A Letter was written to you some weeks ago but doubts have arisen as to whether it has reached you or whether it was despatched from London. In this uncertainty we think it well to write again.

On the receipt of your Letter of the 11th of August last the Commee applied to the Colonial Office in order to ascertain if the boundaries between the British & Brazilian Territories were so defined as to enable our Missionaries to proceed into the interior, especially to the Maſsourie Tribe. The reply of Her Majesty's Secretary of State informed us that these boundaries were still undefined, & that they could promise no security to those who went upon this questionable ground. This shuts you out from getting at the most numerous & promising of these poor scattered Indian Tribes & judging from what both you & Mr Lohrer testify concerning the few inaccessible families beyond Bartica, as well as the evils resulting from the vicinity of the penal settlement, & the very small fruits in the Schools at Bartica, the Parent Committee wish the Corresponding Comee at George Town to take these circumstances under their consideration, & to state whether they think this Mission should still be continued.

There seems to be one single gleam of hope in your Letter, & that refers to the raising up of a Native Ministry. Should you have good hopes on this point, the Comee request you to give full information as to the individuals of whom you have such expectations, their age, spiritual condition, mental acquirement, &c.

The question of a House for Mr Lohrer will turn upon whether the Mission is to be continued or not. In the mean time the Corr. Comee are authorized to see that Mr Lohrer has temporary accommodation provided for him.

With kind regards to Mrs Bernau & Mr & Mrs Lohrer,

We remain, Dear Mr Bernau,

Truly & affectly Yours

Henry Venn

H Straith

Secs Cont.

Church Missionary House
May 22nd 1852.

Dear Mr. Pollard,

I shall feel much obliged by your informing me in a Finance Letter the amount you have drawn on acct. of the sum granted from the Jubilee Fund. Also in any instance of your drawing on acct. of this Fund, kindly state the total amount of the Jubilee Grant to your Mission, the sum previously drawn, and the amount of the draft you draw when writing (adopting a similar form to your usual printed finance letter). Should you have drawn the full sum allowed on this acct., please to send us a distinct acct. with full particulars.

I am, Dear Mr. Pollard,
Your's very faithfully,
H Straith
Secy. C. M. S.

London
Church Miſsy House
1 July 1852

Dear Mr. Pollard

I have the pleasure to forward you an Estimate for the British Guiana Miſsion for the year ending 31st December 1853, amounting to £1460, which I hope you will find equal to the wants of the Mission. You will be happy to hear that the State of our Funds was very satisfactory at the close of our last Financial year: the Income of the Society having exceeded that of the previous year by £6000. I enclose a letter for Mr Bernau which I shall feel obliged by your forwarding.

With our kind regards and best wishes

I am, dear Mr Pollard

Yours sincerely

H. Straith

Sec. C.M.S.

P.S.

By the Ship "Cleopatra" we forward to your care 2 Cases containing Clothes, Books &c which you will kindly forward at your convenience. The Invoice and Bill of Lading are enclosed

H.S.

To the Revd. J. H. Bernau
Bartica Grove

Finance

London
Church Missionary House
July 1st 1852

My dear Mr Bernau

You will see by the enclosed ac that you are overdrawn to the amount o £258:15:7. The Secretaries therefore hope th you will liquidate this debt without delay. it is expressly contrary to the orders of the Com that advances should be made to the Missiona

Meantime you had better communicate to Mr Pasché that we must suspend the payment of £10 Quarterly to him: In all other Missions that transactions are arranged by the Missionaries sending home bills Quarterly or half yearly to their relatives, through the Secretary of the Corresponding Committee - which is a much more simple and satisfactory proceeding, and which we hope you will be able to adopt:- by this means, the overdrawing of accounts is avoided -

We are looking for the opinions of our friends in British Guiana - as to the propriety of retaining you and Mr Lohrer in a field so discouraging as that in which you are labouring. We trust that the Lord will make the way plain for the Committee in this important matter -

I am
My dear Mr Bernau
Yours faithfully
H. Straith

London
Church Missionary House
August 2nd 1852

To Wm Pollard Esq
Demerara

Dear Mr Pollard

We are much concerned to hear of Mr Bernau's illness and of the necessity that he should be under of proceeding to Barbadoes for his health:- We trust that, from the improved account you have been able to send us in your letter of the 10th of July, we shall soon hear of his being, by God's mercy and goodness, restored and fit to return to his Station.

We think, it would be well, on all such occasions if our Corresp.g Committee in Demerara would kindly follow the plan laid down by all our other Corresp.g Committees in India &c., of forwarding Medical

Certificates signed by two Medical Men, selected by the Committee, of the necessity for Changes or voyages or returns to England. All disbursements here require to be supported by such Official documents.

We regret to hear that your Committee should anticipate any aid from the Jubilee fund for clearing Mr. Bernau's heavy debt of £258 due to the Society. No part of that fund could be so appropriated. Indeed the Committee have felt for some years past, that Mr. Bernau has been drawing very largely on account of his family, altho' he is paid more highly than any other Missionary: and they are disappointed that after having advanced money at Mr. Bernau's request & the earnest solicitation of his friends, on account of his Children, so much time should have elapsed and no refunding of this debt.

Under these Circumstances we beg the Corresp.g Committee to take measures for this debt being paid off as soon as possible.

The Committee are anxious to know what view our Corresp.g Committee in Demerara have taken of their letter addressed to you of the 1st of March last: as to the propriety of continuing the Mission at Bartica or in British Guiana, under the discouraging circumstances set forth in the letters and journals from the Missionaries Bernau & Lohrer. We hope to be favored with an early answer to this letter.

We are
Dear Mr. Pollard
Yours faithfully,
W Knight } Secretaries
H Straith } C.M.S.

London
Church Missionary House
September 29th 1862

To The Revd. J. Stainsby
Lucea Hanover Jamaica

Dear Sir -

Your letter of the 9th of August has been placed before the Committee of the Church Missionary Society, and the Secretaries are directed to thank you for the interest and care you have taken with reference to the property of the Society at Church hill in the matter of a School having opened there by the Scottish Missionary The Revd. J. Aird.

The Committee beg you to do them the favor to ascertain by what authority Dr Mason occupies the dwelling house at Church hill - and how he considers himself warranted to give or to withhold permission for Mr Aird to occupy the School Room or any part of the premises, if sanctioned by the representatives of the Society in Jamaica.

You are aware of the wish of the Committee to obtain correct information as to the property of the Society in different parts of the island of Jamaica; to secure the titles &c &c; but that difficulties have arisen to prevent this: Should the present attempt of Dr Mason to establish himself in possession of the Society's premises at Church hill enable you, and other friends of the Society, to take measures for securing the property of the Society, in a formal and legal manner, the Committee will be much obliged by hearing from you what is considered to be the best manner of proceeding: in the mean time, they agree to allow the School under Mr Aird to be held in the Old School-house, to be conducted, as you say, on thoroughly Bible principles; but they consider it necessary that a proper document shall be executed by Mr Aird, fully recognising the School Room as belonging to the C.M. Society — to be kept in good repair by him, and vacated by three months' notice on either side.

Hoping to hear from you on this subject I am My dear Sir

Yours faithfully

H. Straith

Secretary

C.M.S.

W. B. Pollard, Esq.

Church Missionary House,
December 1, 1832.

Dear Mr Pollard,

1. The Comee beg to thank you for your Letter of the 9th of Oct. last, accompanied by one from the Rev. J. H. Bernau. We now reply to Mr Bernau's, which is enclosed for your perusal, & request you to transmit it to Mr Bernau, & to convey its contents to the members of the Comee in Demerara.

2. When the ~~Comee~~ Home Committee have had the advantage of an interview with Mr Bernau they will be enabled to form a better judgment of the best mode of withdrawing the remaining Missionary (if it be considered desirable to do so) from Bartica. In the mean time the Comee feel greatly obliged to you

for all the labour of love that you have so long & so ably bestowed upon the details of the Mission.

3. The statements you have made respecting Mr Bernau's Accounts are quite satisfactory, & we hope that when he comes home all will be adjusted to the satisfaction of all parties. We enclose a Statement of Mr Bernau's Account agreeably to your request.

I am, Dear Mr Pollard,
Very sincerely Yours
H. Straith
Sec C.M.S.

Rev. J. H. Bernau

Church Missionary House,
December 1, 1832

Dear Mr Bernau,

Your Letter of the 29th of Sept has been placed before the Comm.ee, as well as Mr Pollard's of the 9th of Oct.

While the Comm.ee beg to express their sympathy with you in the trial which you are called upon to endure in the state of your health, still they are thankful that your recent voyage to Barbadoes has been beneficial. They nevertheless see the necessity for your immediate return to England; & they therefore sanction your coming home with your family as soon as you can arrange for doing so.

The Rev. J. F. Lohrer will take charge of the Mission on your departure. The Comm.ee will defer their final decision as to withdrawing altogether from Berbice until they can have the advantage of a personal interview with you.

I am, Dear Mr Bernau,
Yours very sincerely
H. Straith
[illegible]

Revd. J Stainsby

London
Church Missionary House
February 9th 1853

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 6th of January and its enclosures, were placed before the Committee yesterday; and I am desired to thank you for this communication and for the measures that you have taken through Messrs Anderson & Valpy regarding the Church hill property of the Society: we presume that it is now occupied by Mr Reid on the proposed terms viz- keeping the house and premises in repair; with the power of quitting at three months notice on either side.

If Dr Mason has maintained the house and premises in proper repair during the time of his occupancy, the Society will not make any claim for rent: but if not, we think that he is bound to make good all dilapidations. There is a remark in the letter of Messrs Anderson & Valpy of the 30th of Decr. to the effect - that "the Society has "a great deal of property in the Island, and I think that "they ought to have some report ~~of~~ upon it, that it may be "turned to account, or means taken to preserve it, if "it be their determination to spend no more money on "the Mission in this Island."

We beg to send you the Copy of a report on the property of the Society, prepared by the Revd Nathan Ashby; and request that it may be submitted to Messrs Anderson and Valpy, for their opinion as to the best mode of disposing of- or appropriating, it.

You have indeed had trying years in Jamaica. May we hope that notwithstanding past hardness and resistance to God's dealings, the people may yet be awakened and many souls brought to Christ.

with the kind regards and sympathy of the Committee

I am
my dear Sir
Yours faithfully
H. Straith
Secy
CMS.

Resolution enclosed

London
Church Missionary House
March 11th 1853

Dear Mr Pollard

We beg to thank you for your letter of January 11th and for the details you have given us respecting the death of our dear brother Lohrer: we thank God that the sudden call found him safe in the keeping of the Great and good Shepherd: and that we know it has been great gain to him although a heavy and grievous loss to us. His blessed Master will doubtless supply his place in the Mission field; we must bow in meek submission; and while we mourn for the early removal of this faithful labourer, we may be assured that HE doeth all things well.

The Committee truly sympathise with Mrs Lohrer in her heavy bereavement. Your letter of the 10th of February has informed us of her having returned to Bartica for a little time: we trust that she will soon come home to her own family who are expecting her.

Mr Bernau is of course much depressed in being thus deprived of his affectionate fellow labourer; and in his state of health, it is the more important that he should comply with the wishes of the Committee and return to Europe without delay.

The Committee must leave it to the wisdom of their local Committee in British Guiana to make arrangements for carrying on the School and Mission work at Bartica until Mr Bernau has had an opp[illegible]tunity of conferring with the Parent Committee.

In a letter received from Mr Bernau dated the 18th of January, he expresses a hope that a Married Missionary may be sent out from home; but the Committee have already decided that they will do nothing further until they see Mr Bernau; as they consider that there are providential indications for withdrawing altogether from British Guiana.

We thank you for your letter of the 18th of February and its enclosure (being the account current for 1852:) the Committee are indeed very grateful to God for having put it into your heart to give them, for so long a period, your able and faithful services in this great cause.

We are
dear Mr Pollard
Yours very sincerely
H Venn } Secretaries
H Straith }

London
Church Missionary House
March 11th 1853

To

The Revd H Bernau
British Guiana

Dear Mr Bernau

We have received your letter of the 18th of January; and we unite with you, in the name of the Committee, in expressing our sorrow in the removal of your faithful fellow labourer from your side into His presence whom he loved and served here: while we are most grateful to God for manifesting His sustaining power and grace in the departing hours of your dear brother. We trust that Mrs Lohrer has been sustained through this deep affliction and that she has found in Christ Jesus a friend and husband fitted to meet all her desolation and to carry her above it.

The whole of the circumstances of your present position impress upon the Committee the necessity of your immediate return to Europe. Your own state of health is evidently such as to require removal, and we hope that you will not defer your return home.

The Committee will defer final measures respecting Berbice and the School until they have the advantage of a personal conference with you: but we have written to Mr Pollard to request the local Committee to make some temporary provision to enable you to return without delay.

The Committee have no Missionary at present at their disposal to proceed to

Bartica as you suggest: and if they had one they stand in doubt of the propriety of continuing the Mission under the peculiar discouragement of inaccessibility to the Indians, while other fields are open and teeming with population: but on this point the Committee will fully confer with you when they have the pleasure of seeing you.

The books left by Mr Lohrer bearing the Society's mark must be returned to this House; you will probably be able to bring them to England with you.

We beg to offer our kindest regards to Mrs Bernau; and commending you both — as well as Mrs Lohrer to the grace and protection of Almighty God; we are

dear Mr Bernau
Yours in Christian affection

H Venn } Secretaries
H Straith } CMS

April 30, 18[illegible]

My dear Lord

The intelligence which you have sent us is very distressing — we had heard of the circumstance from the report of a Newspaper — To us it was most unexpected for though we never had any personal knowledge of Mr Byrne the testimony of our friends in Jamaica as well as your Lordship's had induced the Committee to continue a salary to him which the Committee will now of course withdraw.

We had mentioned in our last annual Report that his name would no longer appear in our list, as he was never recognized by us as one of our appointed Missionaries.

Such instances are indeed severe blows to the church: and I deeply feel for the perplexities in which this case must involve your Lordship. The difficulty of finding men is the greatest hindrance to the progress of religion at home & abroad – we are met by that difficulty in all our Missions.

Trusting that the Lord may yet in his mysterious providence overrule such events as these to the furtherance of his cause

I am
My dear Lord
Your very faithful Sert
Henry Venn
Sec.

The Lord Bishop of Jamaica

Church Missionary House
April 28th 1853.

To
The Revd Francis Byrne
Prattville
Jamaica

Dear Sir

I am directed to inform you that the Committee of this Society decline to continue any further pecuniary allowances to you, and that after the Quarter ending the 25th of June 1853, no bills from you on the Society will be accepted or paid.

You are requested to acknowledge the receipt of this Communication.

I am
Dear Sir
Yours truly
H. Straith
Secretary
C.M.S.

W. B. Pollard, Esq.

Church Missionary House,
July 5, 1853.

Dear Mr Pollard,

1. The Committee have had the satisfaction of seeing the Rev. J. H. Vernon & of conferring with him at length respecting the state of the Mission at Bathia. They feel that they cannot suddenly terminate their connexion with a Congregation averaging 200, with 85 Communicants & a considerable School; & they have therefore resolved to endeavour to find a suitable Clergyman to take charge of the Mission for 3 years, with a view of finally withdrawing at that time, or at an earlier period if practicable.

2. In the meantime the Committee sanction the following outlay for the year ending Sept. 30, 1854:—

	£
Two Teachers at 400 Dollars each per ann.	167
Boarding School expenses	150
Sundries	20
	£337

3. The Committee hope that you and our kind

friends forming the Local Committee will continue to aid the cause as you have so efficiently done heretofore until the operations of the Society in British Guiana can be brought to a satisfactory close.

4. Mr Bernau has raised hopes in the mind of the Committee that the two Teachers hitherto employed under him at Bartica may ultimately prove to be called of God as fitted for the Ministry of His Blessed Gospel; & we pray that we may be led to so efficient & faithful a Clergyman to wind up the Mission as will foster & cherish that grace, which we trust, from Mr Bernau's account, has been planted in the hearts of these two Teachers.

I am, Dear Mr Pollard,
Yours faithfully
H Straith
Sec CMS

Ap 19, 1854

My dear Lord

We have made every effort in our power by advertisement & otherwise to secure the services of a clergyman in full orders to go to Bartica Grove, for 3 years at least, to minister to the Native flock & to prepare the way for some

Lord Bishop of Guiana

permanent arrangement respecting them, when the Ch. Miss.y Society shall withdraw from the Colony.

We have failed however to procure a suitable man.

Under these circumstances Mr. Bernau has suggested that we should propose to your Lordship that the Society shall pay the stipend of £300 a year for 3 years to Mr. Spooner, who is now occasionally officiating at the Grove, if your Lordship will be pleased to licence Mr. Spooner to the Mission, & allow him to remove there.

At Mr. Bernau's suggestion the Comm.ee have also determined to invite William Brapie the native Teacher at Bartica Grove to come to England, with a view to his being trained & instructed in our Islington College: & if he should be worthy of being presented to your Lordship as a Candidate for holy orders, to be appointed to the native flock, if it can be kept together & prepared for being placed under a native ministry.

These are the best arrangem.ts which the Comm.ee can propose & they trust that your Lordship will give your sanction to them

I am
My dear Lord
Your very faithful Serv.t
Henry Venn
Sec.y

London
Guiana

Church Missionary House
Salisbury Square
June 1st 1854

Wm. Pollard Esq.
George Town – Demerara

Dear Mr. Pollard

1. We again avail ourselves of your kind services and of the aid of the Members of our Corresponding Committee in George Town, to carry through what may still be left for the Society to do at Berbice Grove; which we are assured you will all do with that Christian love and intelligence you have ever evinced.

2 – You are aware of the arrangement made with Mr. Spooner under the sanction of the Bishop of British Guiana; we now forward to you an estimate of the amount that the Committee have allowed for the year from the 1st of October 1854 to the 30th Septr 1855, and which must not, on any account, be exceeded: viz.

	£	£
Revd. Mr. Spooner salary &c.	300	
For the Schools – Master, Mistresses & Teachers	336	
Repairs of Buildings & Sundries	100	
Mr. Bracy's passage to England if required	80	= 816

3. The Committee have addressed a circular letter to all their Missionaries, a copy of which is enclosed: and although not applicable to Mr. Spooner, owing to your circumstances in B. Guiana, it will show that our financial [illegible] is such as to oblige the Committee to reduce expenditure wherever it can be done. And if in any of the items specified in our Estimate in par. 2, a saving can be made, we shall esteem it a favour if it can be done, or local means raised to supply some of the demands.

4. Mr. Bernau's health improves very slowly and we have doubts whether he can go out again to any other Mission field.

5. You will be so good as to take care that Mr.

Every [illegible] a strict Medical Examination before he is sent to England & the case of dear Mr Van Cooten makes us cautious on this subject: a healthy able physical state is required — as well as a spiritual mind and good mental abilities for the great work of a Missionary.

Believe dear Mr Pollard
Yours sincerely,
H. Venn
H Straith } Secretaries CMS

Sep. 27 4

My dear Lord

I brought your letter of the 22d before the Comee yesterday & they have agreed to offer Mr Spooner £400 a year for the 3 years, in the hope that this arrangement may secure to the flock at Berbice some one who is likely to understand the Native Character & who is acclimated.

I am very sorry to hear of the accident which has caused your detention & so much suffering.

We will write to Mr Pollard by the next mail to acquaint him with this arrangement — & we trust to your communicating with Mr Spooner upon the subject. Believe me

my dear Lord
your faithful Servt
Henry Venn
Secy.

Lord Bishop of Guiana

London
Church Missionary House
October 12th 1854

To William Pollard - Esqr
Demerara.

Dear Mr Pollard

1. With reference to my letter of the 5th of June last, we find, from the Bishop of Guiana that the removal of the Revd. Mr Spooner to Bartica Grove in order to take charge of the Mission there, has been deferred in consequence of the salary of £300 a year being considered insufficient to enable him to live there: the Committee have therefore augmented the salary to £400, should our local Committee in George Town deem it proper to make the offer to Mr Spooner - We therefore beg of you to do us the favor of consulting the Committee - and of arranging with Mr Spooner to carry on the School and Mission work at Bartica - and to make half yearly report of his proceedings to the Parent Committee through your local Committee -

2. Mr Spooner's engagement is not to go beyond three years: the object being to maintain the Schools until they can be handed over to the Established Ecclesiastical authorities: the agreement therefore with Mr Spooner must be specific: he is

to receive his Salary without any contin-gent advantage beyond it, and without any claim on the Society at the termina-tion of the three years Service.

3. We trust that, under God's blessing, the good seed sown by the instrumentality of Mr Bernau and his assistants, will be matured under Mr Spooner, and that he may see precious souls brought to Christ as a greater and nobler reward than any Salary of money.

4. I regret to say that our funds are very low: we received £113,000 last year and spent £131,000: we can not meet the con-stantly expanding demands from the distant Missions, which are blessed of God amongst the heathen. Will you kindly con-sult our friends in George Town as to getting up a public meeting for the Society and endeavour to get us help for the three years for which we have engaged Mr Spooner: if you get even £300 a year so as in some to pay half Mr Spooner's Salary and some of the School Expenses, it would be a great help: I have sent you, by this mail, a supply of periodical and other papers which may be useful for circulation in order to give information about our great and good work. Should you wish to receive regular supplies, be so good as to let me know what I shall send you.

5. A box of Clothing has been sent by a lady for the Bartica School; it goes to you by this packet and it will be well if Mr Spooner

take note to the lady who sent it to acknow-ledge its receipt—and to say how it has been used—this may encourage her to send another supply

6. I think it will be prudent, in drawing out your written agreement with Mr Spooner, that six months' notice on either side may terminate the ~~ag~~ engagement.

With the cordial Christian regards of the Secretaries to yourself—to Mr Fox and our other friends—I am—dear Mr Pollard

Yours faithfully

H. Straith

Mar 1, 1855

My dear Lord

I am truly thankful to your Lordship for your letter of Jan. 23, & the kind interest which it expresses in our work. I have much regretted the failure of our hopes of procuring Mr Spooner's help; & I see no immediate prospect of our being able to send help from England. We have already several most important posts vacant in our several Missions which we have been for some time seeking men to occupy.

Under these circumstances the Committee have passed a Resolution of which I enclose a copy & transmitted it to Mr Pollard in the hope that some person may be found even through a Catechist to undertake the charge of Bartica Grove

Believe me
My dear Lord
Your very faithful Servt
Henry Venn
Secy.

The Lord Bishop of Guiana

Comee. of Correspondence,
Feb. 6, 1855.

Resd. That the members of the Comee. of Correspondence of British Guiana be authorized to engage the services of any truly Christian Layman who may be willing to undertake the charge of Bartica Grove, & to present him to the Bishop for Holy Orders, provided the Society is not involved in any engagement beyond the 3 years which has been decided upon as necessary for bringing the Society's superintendence of that Mission to a conclusion.

Extracted from the Minutes,

Sec. C.M.S.

William Pollard Esqe
a Milton

Church Missionary House.
May 23rd 1855

Dear Mr Pollard

I reply to your letter of the 9th of April, respecting Mr Hillis — We also received a letter from the Bishop of Br. Guiana of the 7th of April; by which it appears that Mr Hillis requires a Salary of £300 a year to go to Bartica for 3 years. The Parent Committee decline to meet this demand, and Mr Venn will write to the Bishop to this effect:- and to say that the terms already specified - viz. £400 a year for 3 years, cannot be allowed. We are perplexed about Bartica: we see little or no hope of obtaining the right kind of Man in Demerara - and we have advertised and sought in vain at home for the person we want: and it is a serious undertaking, in the depressed state of our finances, to give even £400 for Bartica: If the Spirit of the Lord be amongst the young people there, and especially in the heart of the teacher Mr Braby - we may look to Him whose work it is to save Souls, to keep alive what HE has begun: and we should like much to know what our Corresponding Committee in George Town would advise to be done. As to the buildings - we fear that they are falling fast to decay, and that finally they will not be worth any thing to the Society: but if there be lively stones of the spiritual edifice amongst the Scholars, what is to be done with them?: Money is a light thing in the balance where the Salvation of Souls is concerned, but we regret to say that Money is not at our command, nor is it likely to be so while the pressure of the war continues. We are beginning to work actively through Native Agency in Africa and India - and we do hope that Mr Braby may prove like an agent sent of God to maintain the work left by Mr Bowman. The Missionaries are beginning to prove their Native teachers and to throw more responsibility upon them — is it not worth hoping what Mr Braby is made of: to be in no hurry for ordination to do the Lord's work as a layman.

Mr & Mrs Bowman continue in a weak state of health: trying Germany and England in succession, but we fear that his constitution is too weak for any thing like a trying climate or active work. With Christian regards to Mr [illegible]

I am

Dear Mr Pollard

Yours Sincerely

H. Straith

London

Church Missionary House

June 16th 18[illegible]

To J. Pollard Esq

George Town

Demerara

Dear Mr Pollard

We have been favoured with your communications of the 9th of January and the 25th of April last, to which the Committee have directed us to reply.

We have also received a letter from the Revd Mr Miller dated the 1st of April, a copy of which is herewith enclosed; and although the Committee are thankful for this letter, it ought to have passed through the Corresponding Committee in Demerara and it will be well for you to intimate this, in a kind way, to Mr Hillis, who may not know that such is the practice of the Society.

I enclose you, for submission to the Correspg Committee, the copy of a resolution just passed by the Parent Committee, and which is an answer to your question respecting the buildings at Bartica Grove: The Committee feel that it is very important to maintain such a testimony for the truth of the Gospel as has been established at Bartica: that our gracious God will not allow the seed that has been sown to be lost, and that, in an old Colony like yours, where there is a faithful Gospel Ministry, there are many of His servants who would esteem it a privilege to keep within the reach of the poor Indians the means of grace and Salvation: the Parent Committee therefore earnestly hope that you will be enabled to form an independant local Association in order to take up the Mission and secure the buildings for the prosecution of the work after Mr Hillis's three years have expired.

Meantime, we beg to know what expenses are likely to be incurred in order to put the buildings into a fit state to hand over to such an independant Association as is referred to; and whether the Corresponding Comee think that this plan is judicious and likely to succeed in maintaining and even extending the work for the benefit of the Indians.

The Committee trust that Mr Hillis is able to give to give the whole of his time to the duties at Bartica and amongst the Indians: and that he is not distracted, as Mr Bernau was, by any connexion with the penal Settlements.

We shall be glad to receive a report from the Corresp. Committee, as to their view of the present state of things at Bathurst and whether they think Mr Bracy to be a fit person to send home for education and final ordination.

We are
Dear Mr Fallard
Yours sincerely,
Henry Venn } Secretaries
H Straith } CMS

Committee of Correspondence,
June 17, 1834.

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Corresponding Committee.

Extracted from the Minutes
John Chapman
Sec CMS.

British Guiana Mission.

Estimates for the Year ending September 30/57.

In the Mission:

Rev. Mr Hillis	400	"	"
Schools, &c.	350	"	"
	£ 750	"	"

H Straith, } Sec.s:– C. M. S.

To Wm. Pollard Esq.
Secretary Corresp Comm.e
George Town
Demerara

Dear Mr Pollard.

Be so good as to request your Corresp. Committee not to exceed the accompanying grant for £ 750 for the year ending 30 Sep 1857.

I am
Yours faithfully
H Straith

London
June 30 1856 }

July 2d

To The Revd Thomas Gilbert
St Paul's Rectory
Trinidad

Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 5th of June addressed to the Secretaries of this Society, has been placed before the Committee: And we are desired to inform you that the funds of this Society could not be made applicable to the repairing of your Church in Trinidad.

The Committee beg to express their kind sympathy with your difficulties, but on reconsideration they trust that you will see that your request could not be met by this Society.

With kind Christian regards
We are
Dear Sir
Yours faithfully
A Straith } Secretaries
J. Mupie Holl } CMS.

Jan. 8 8

My dear brother Hillis

In addressing you on the present occasion I purposely avoid entering on any matters of business, which are reserved for a more official communication. My object is to offer an expression of our sympathy with you & your little flock under the very heavy visitation wherewith it has pleased our heavenly Father, assuredly in mercy, to try your faith. Such judgments cannot when present be joyous, but grievous. The design of the Lord is to afflict & bring low. But afterwards they bear the peaceable fruits of righteousness to those who are exercised thereby.

And while you have been thus visited by the direct hand of God, others have been yet more awfully smitten of him, when he has employed the hand of man to execute his judgments - for terrible as the pestilence or the famine may appear, the sword possesses peculiar terrors which, to most minds, makes it more terrible than any other form of woe. But in this form has the Lord been pleased to interrupt for a season our work in India. Our own missionaries have escaped, some of them but narrowly, & we have lost much property. Other Societies have lost both property & whole families. Yet there seems to be but one prevailing feeling, that we are on the eve of a new era of missions. The insurrection is looked upon as the last struggle of Hindooism & Mahomedanism & these systems will now receive their death blow. The heart of all England has been deeply moved; we look hopefully on the future, & trust that both public measures and the efforts of the Christianity of England will be such as will tend to the glory of our dear Redeemer. And so I trust the struggle through which you have passed is not destruction but sifting & purifying. May the Lord of all grace be with you, & water your flock abundantly. May its tears be as a refreshing rivulet, giving life & energy to every limb.

As the time draws near for severing our connexion, in time, with Bartica Grove, we cannot but cling more fondly to the idea that nothing can ever sever our connexion in eternity. This Society is linked by a chain which cannot fail to those who have been snatched by its means as brands from the burning. The Union is cemented by never dying love. We shall remember these Stations, as we do those of the West India Islands. May the People too remember us; & the Union be still kept up by mutual prayer & good will in Christ Jesus.

Believe me

Ever faithfully Yours

J. Chapman

Church Missionary House

June 14. 1838

My dear Lord,

I have much pleasure in forwarding you the Resolution, respecting Mr Hillis's request, which was confirmed this morning by our Monthly Comme. I trust that it may secure the object which your Lordship has so much at heart.

I am My dear Lord,

Your Lordship's faithful servant

W Knight

Sec. CMS.

The Lord Bishop of Guiana

Resolved, 1. That this Committee cannot continue the Mission at Bartica Grove beyond the assigned limit of the present year, at which period their connexion with the Rev. T. Hillis must cease; but that in order to enable the Bishop of Guiana and the Corresponding Committee to complete the transfer of the Church and School either to the Colonial Funds or to some other means of independent support, this Committee will make a final grant of £400 to be drawn for next year by the Corresponding Committee in two sums of £200 each when it shall be required.

2. That in order to secure the land and buildings at Bartica Grove for the purposes of religious instruction and worship, the Society will still hold the property as Trustees as long as they may be devoted to their present purposes, and that the Corresponding Committee be authorized to make all necessary arrangements with this view; but that in the event of the discontinuance of the Mission the Corresponding Committee be authorized to dispose of the property on behalf of the Society.

Extracted from Minutes.

W Knight

Nov 24

My dear Sir,

I will [illegible] [illegible]
a few months ago [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
at Bartica Grove.
We received a few days ago
a visit from the Bishop of
Guiana in which [illegible]

W. B. [illegible] Esq

pointed out some
inconveniences likely to arise
from part of the Resolution
it w^d. in their case.

You will remember that the
Society was still to hold the
property as Trustees - with
authority to the Corresponding
Committee to sell it in the
event of the discontinuance
of the Mission.

It appears however the
buildings would be probably
almost worthless for the purpose of
sale - & that as the land was
granted by the Government with
a provision that it should be
employed for the religious benefit
of the Natives, it would probably
interpose to hinder the sale
of it, for any other purpose.

The simplest solution of the
difficulties appears to us to be
the transfer of the property
to the Bishop for the time
being, in trust for Missionary
purposes - & as the Ecclesiastical
Establishment of the Guiana will be revised
by the Assembly next January,
it is well that if the transfer
take place, it should be so
at once.

Before however taking any
step in the matter, we are
desirous to learn from you
whether you see any objection
to the course suggested.

I am
My Dear Sir
Yours very truly
Wm Knight
Sec. C.M.S.

Dec 14   8

My dear Lord,

I lose no time in forwarding to your Lordship, which I do with much pleasure, a copy of the Resolutions sanctioned by our Monthly Commee yesterday respecting the Society's property at Bartica Grove.

They will be your Lordship's authority for taking possession of it for the purposes therein described.

I am, My Lord,
Your Lordship's faithful Servant
W Knight
Sec. CMS.

The Lord Bishop of Guiana

Extracted from Minutes of Committee.

Resolved, 1. That the Resolution 2. of June 8/58 be rescinded, and that the following Resolution be adopted:–

2. That in order to secure the land & Buildings at Bartica Grove for the purposes of religious instruction and worship, the property be transferred to the Bishop of Guiana in his corporate capacity in trust for the above-mentioned purposes; & that the Corresponding Committee

be authorized to take all necessary steps for carrying this transfer into effect.

(True copy.) W Knight
Sec. C.M.S.

(Copy).

W. B. Pollard Esq.
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Church Missionary House
Octr. 17. 1859.

My dear Sir,

Your letter of the 8th of Sep. last, and its enclosure, have been placed before the Comee of the C.M.S.: and as the buildings and property of the Society have been duly transfered to the Bishop of Guiana, and the operations of the Society have ceased in that province, the Comee request that you and the members of the late local Comee will accept their thanks for the zeal & correctness with which you have so long conducted the Lord's work in your colony:— and although we have as yet had but small results, we nevertheless know the He, whose you are and whom you serve, will not allow the precious seed sown there by our Agents, to fall fruitless on the ground.

We pray that you may all be enriched in your own souls and know more and more of Christ whom to know is life eternal.

I am,
My dear Sir
Yours faithfully,
H. Straith.

Novr 8th 1861.

Right Reverend
The Lord Bishop of Barbadoes.

My Lord,

The Committee of the C. M. S. have desired us to forward to you the enclosed letter from Mrs Gittens, the widow of a West Indian who accompanied the Rev J. Wiltshire to Sierra Leone in 1857 and who died there in January 1858. Mr Gittens was engaged by Mr Wiltshire (himself a West Indian) as a Catechist for the Society in Sierra Leone, for the Timneh Mission. Mrs Gittens has no kind of claim on the C. M. S.; ou rules for the aid of widows do not extend to her ase; but the Committee are willing to make her a grant of £10, provided your Lordship will be so good as to direct enquiries to be made as to the truthfulness of her statement. Should it be, as she represents, will you be so good as to arrange for Mrs Gitten's receiving this amount of £10 in whole or in part, as your Lordship deems best. A bill drawn by your Lordship, at sight, on Colonel Michael Dawes, Lay Secretary, C. M. S., will be duly honoured.

We remain, My Lord,
Yours faithfully,
H. Straith.
M. Dawes
Lay Secr C. M. S.